

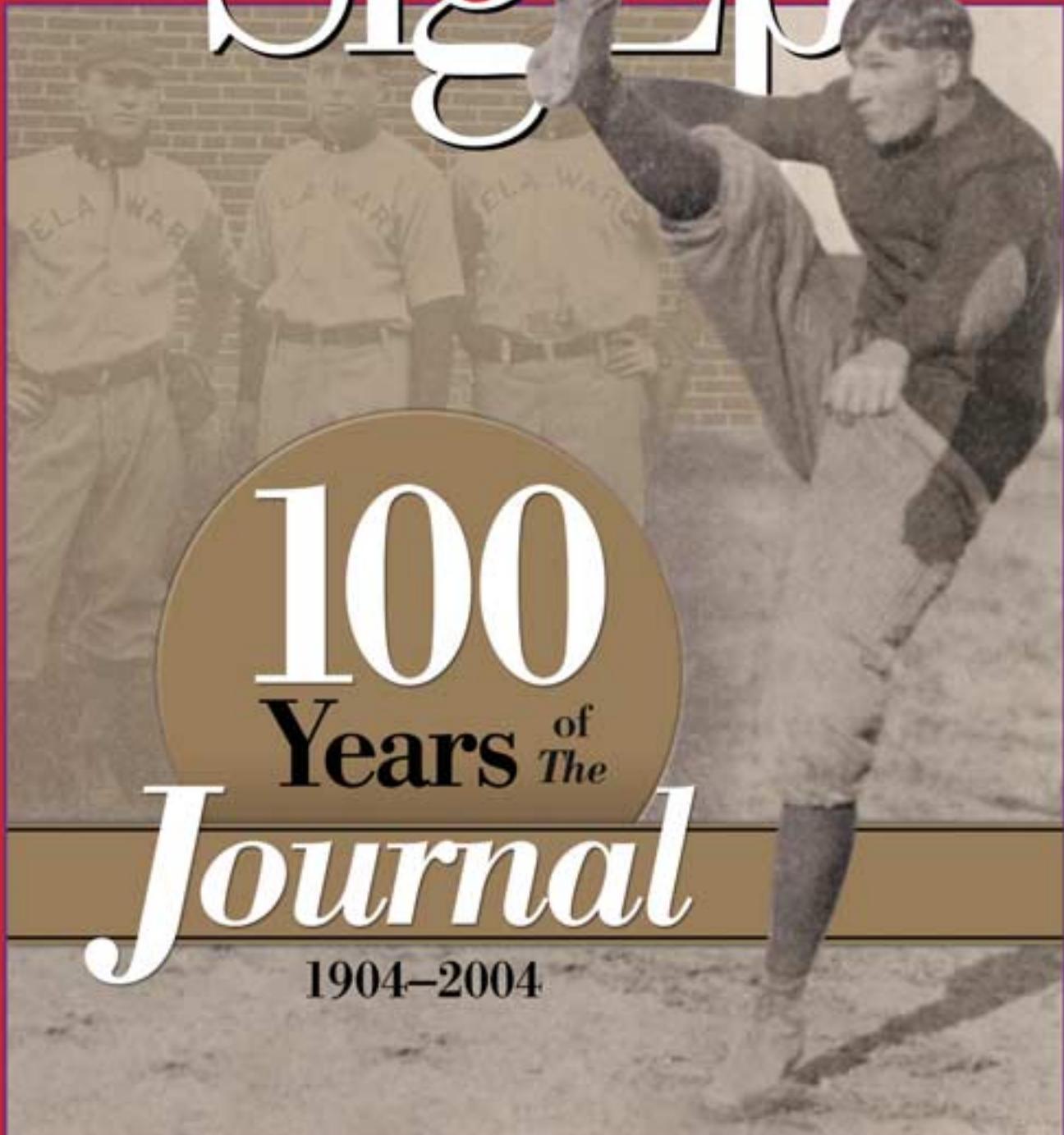
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Grand President James F. Robeson, Cincinnati '59, lives with his wife, Teddi, in Oxford, Ohio, where he was Dean of the

School of Business Administration at Miami of Ohio University. Before being elected Grand President at the 2003 Grand Chapter Conclave, Brother Robeson served as the Grand Treasurer on the National Board of Directors for six years.

"I believe that the ideal fraternity is one that is well balanced and not all one type. That there should be some scholars, some athletes, some good fellows, and some of every other type that forms the composite of a typical representative college man."

—Past Grand President Oscar E. Draper, Washington State 1919. Quote originally appeared in the February 1923, issue of *The Journal*.

Manpower and the Balanced Man Ideal

Dear Brothers and Friends of Sigma Phi Epsilon:

I recently attended the re-chartering retreat for the California Delta Chapter at San Diego State University. Before our Sigma Epsilon Chapters are chartered, they have a goal-setting retreat. At their retreat, our new San Diego State brothers were grappling with the need to be different. On their campus, the most popular fraternities believe in being frat boys. Their plight is not unusual.

One young brother wanted to know how to articulate the Balanced Man Ideal. How developing a Sound Mind in a Sound Body sets us apart from everyone else. I told him that great SigEp chapters focus on:

- Academics and Physical Conditioning,
- Manpower, and
- Volunteers.

Fortunately our San Diego State brothers are number one in academics. They have a passionate group of alumni who volunteer their time with the chapter. Their manpower is good, but not the largest.

Manpower is the key to being different. Only the largest fraternity can prove that being different works. Why? Because being the best—being different—attracts the most *quality* people. Recruiting with confidence is the key and believing in your experience will show—no, *prove*—to parents, campus, alumni, and peers that SigEp is right. It is worth joining. Our San Diego State brothers bought in and have set a goal to be over 100 men. If they succeed, they will be the largest on campus, and they will have something others envy.

Intramural competition and varsity athletes are vital to this success. If a chapter is only good in academics, it is labeled as too intellectual. Committed to not hazing, means they are not strong. When you win on the athletic field you show teamwork. When you add a varsity athlete to the chapter, it shows that our values align with their values. **Cam G. Felton, North Dakota '06**, (page 11) says that, as a varsity athlete, he has to epitomize the Balanced Man Ideal. Southern Methodist University Athletic Director and Brother **W. James Copeland, Virginia '67**, (page 14) says SigEp and the Balanced Man Ideal are attractive to both his athletes and coaches. The argument that the coaches won't let us recruit athletes does not hold up if your chapter believes in Sound Mind and Sound Body.

The Journal's Centennial issue

This issue of *The Journal* is a special one. It marks the centennial of the first issue of *The Journal*. Uncle Billy was its first editor, and over the years, our magazine has been the link connecting you to the Fraternity. Much has evolved with the magazine over those 100 years. It holds as true today as it did in 1904, *The Journal* informs its readers about what is happening in the world of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

This issue focuses on housing. When you think of fraternity housing, chances are you picture small rooms with intermittent heat and air conditioning. Perhaps the lighting is poor to non-existent. And the bathrooms? Well, let's not even go there! Those were the conditions of the past, and, as you'll see on pages 22-23, the Residential Learning Community (RLC) is more than a place to live, it is a place to learn. The RLC is re-defining student housing and fraternity life. It is where faculty regularly have meetings and interact with students on a new level. Some even have offices in the chapter house.

We are raising the bar on our housing, and the National Housing Corporation (NHC) is helping us fulfill those dreams.

The NHC has created revolutionary ways to lower loan costs for Alumni & Volunteer Corporations (AVCs). This translates into restructuring debt to make substantial facility improvements to remain competitive in the student housing market of today's campus. In order for our AVCs to take advantage of this and other opportunities, they have to be financially sound. They need to have parents—including women, that's right women—volunteering on the Alumni & Volunteer Corporation board. Parents and women bring a different perspective to the table, one that helps improve the living environment of their sons and students.

Have trouble collecting money from that one undergraduate? Let his parents know about his debt and see how fast he becomes current on his obligation. That is part of the beauty of cooperative efforts with parents.

Read on and see how *The Journal* binds us together.

Fraternally,

James F. Robeson
Grand President

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Varsity Athletes and The Journal: As early as 1911 chapters were reporting its scholar athletes. From the Delaware Varsity Baseball team we have C.A. Taylor 3rd Base; R.B. Harvey SS; and E.P. Jolls Pitcher. The Colorado Beta Chapter at the University of Denver had the All Rocky Mountain Tackle with Captain Bingham.

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The Journal accepts submissions year-round. If you have news, letters or photos, please send them to: *The Journal*, P.O. Box 1901, Richmond, Virginia 23218 or journal@sigep.net.



Renovated Nebraska House Amazes Chapter, Visitors

BY KYLE W. ARGANBRIGHT,
Nebraska '04 former Chapter President

The past few months have been very exciting for Nebraska Alpha. The house remodeling is phenomenal! It's difficult to describe the effect it has had on us, but you can see it in everything we do. We have higher expectations for ourselves and a greater sense of responsibility. It has really emphasized the importance of our pursuit of excellence.

The beginning of the spring semester has been full of positive developments for the undergraduate chapter. Among the highlights was the elevation of our G.P.A. to a 3.31, placing us third out of 21 chapters on campus. We have recruited Dr. Larry Routh, Director of Career Services at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, as our Faculty Fellow. Each week, he holds office hours in the house and counsels men on résumés, internships, and career opportunities, among other things. The addition of Dr. Routh has made the house a great place to study and allowed us to begin the process of becoming a certified Residential Learning Community (RLC). We are

excited to begin this program and to continue to stay ahead of the development curve on campus and nationally.

The first year in the newly renovated house has been a great experience for everyone. It has been a lot of fun to watch our parents and friends walk through the house, mouths agape, as they see how nice the place looks. All of us are grateful for having the opportunity to live in the nicest house on campus, and that has translated into a greater sense of pride in the condition and upkeep of the facility.

The men of Nebraska Alpha realize the chapter's alumni are a huge component of our enduring success, and we believe increased alumni involvement will allow us to achieve even more. We would love to have you visit at any time. We look forward to hearing from you throughout the spring and into the summer recruitment period. Thank you for your constant support.

Editor's Note: In 2004 the Nebraska Alpha Chapter concluded its \$1.5 million Renovation for the New Millennium Capital Campaign. This is an excerpt from the campaign newsletter.



Nebraska Alpha Chapter House

SC Alpha Ritual Reminds Brother of his Roots

BY BILL BROCKINTON,
South Carolina '66

When I reflect upon my fraternity days, I usually remember (fondly) the things we did: the ball games and afterward the pranks and the parties. There was something more to it, and for a long time, I couldn't put my finger on what that was. Fortunately for my memory, I ran into Pete Pantsari (**Peter A. Pantsari, South Carolina '70**), at a USC baseball game earlier this spring, and he told me about the 100th anniversary celebration. Am I ever glad I attended.

I had forgotten far more than I realized. I had forgotten just about everything associated with our Ritual. Watching (and truly participating in) the initiation of the latest brother of South Carolina Alpha was a real joy for me. It brought back the memories of what SigEp meant to me then, and what it has meant in my life over the last 40 years.

*Bill Brockinton,
South Carolina '66*

It's hard to believe that a group of college kids put our Ritual together, for it is incredibly intricate, profoundly moving, and decidedly a code of ethics by which a person can/should live. I know it's been refined over the years, but the core values expressed are surely those of 100 years ago. Above all, loyalty to a group of like-minded persons is a creed by which brothers have lived for generations. After contemplating my few hours at the Ramada Inn last Saturday evening for the past few days, I've come to realize that I did become a brother in the true sense. Perhaps I've not always been in close contact with those brothers I knew then, but I've practiced our code with humankind in general. And that's what



Alumni and undergraduates celebrating 100 years at South Carolina.

SigEp really prepares you for—living a full and rewarding life in a diverse and challenging world.

Forty years seem to have passed by in a heartbeat, but the traditions live on. If those of you reading this have not availed yourselves of the opportunities to participate and communicate with these young brothers, you are really missing an opportunity to connect with your own roots. Who you were is such a vital part of who you are, and I'm thankful I took the time to return. I will be back again this fall to witness it all over again.

Chapter Anniversaries

CHAPTER	SCHOOL	FOUNDING DATE	CHAPTER DORMANT
The following chapters turned 100 years old in 2003:			
West Virginia Beta	West Virginia	Mar. 25, 1903	**
Pennsylvania Gamma	Pittsburgh	Dec. 12, 1903	1912-49, 1963-90
Illinois Alpha	Illinois	Dec. 18, 1903	1913-17, 1996-2001
The following chapters turn 100 years old in 2004:			
Colorado Alpha	Colorado	Feb. 19, 1904	1994
Pennsylvania Delta	Penn	Mar. 24, 1904	**
South Carolina Alpha	South Carolina	May 2, 1904	**
The following chapters turned 75 years old in 2003:			
Mississippi Alpha	Mississippi	Jun. 2, 1928	1976-89
California Beta	Southern California	Jun. 6, 1928	**
The following chapters turn 75 years old in 2004:			
Missouri Beta	Washington U. in St. Louis	Apr. 6, 1929	1941-49, 1971-83
New Mexico Alpha	New Mexico	Apr. 13, 1929	**
Louisiana Alpha	Tulane	Apr. 20, 1929	1941-90
Maryland Alpha	Johns Hopkins	Jun. 15, 1929	**
The following chapters turned 50 years old in 2003:			
Indiana Gamma	Ball State	Feb. 21, 1953	**
Ohio Lambda	Kent State	Apr. 25, 1953	1983-91
Mississippi Gamma	Southern Mississippi	May 16, 1953	**
Florida Zeta	Tampa	May 23, 1953	1976-85, 2000
Missouri Zeta	Southeast Missouri State	Dec. 5, 1953	1989-99
The following chapters turn 50 years old in 2004:			
New York Epsilon	Buffalo	Apr. 10, 1954	1989-92
Tennessee Gamma	East Tennessee State	Apr. 10, 1954	**
Arizona Beta	Arizona	May 8, 1954	**
Arkansas Beta	Henderson State	May 15, 1954	**
Indiana Delta	Indiana State	May 15, 1954	**
The following chapters turned 25 years old in 2003:			
Virginia Lambda	Longwood	Mar. 11, 1978	**
Alabama Zeta	Huntingdon	Mar. 25, 1978	**
Michigan Iota	Northwood	Apr. 1, 1978	**
The following chapters turn 25 years old in 2004:			
Texas Sigma	Texas-San Antonio	Mar. 3, 1979	**
New York Eta	Buffalo State	Apr. 7, 1979	**
South Carolina Epsilon	Coastal Carolina	Nov. 10, 1979	**
Pennsylvania Tau	West Chester	Dec. 1, 1979	**

** denotes chapter has never been dormant

Italics denotes chapter is a Sigma Epsilon Chapter (SEC), striving to re-charter.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Arkansas Beta's 50th Anniversary

On May 15, 2004, I had the pleasure of attending the 50th anniversary celebration for the Arkansas Beta Chapter at Henderson State University. In addition to a great turnout by the undergraduates and alumni, four of the seven founding fathers of the chapter were in attendance. It was nice to hear them talk about where they are now in their lives and how they were honored to have been a part of SigEp. In total, there were approximately 150 guests, including past District Governors **Paul E. Hankins** ('77) and **E. Ray Keith** ('89). Order of the Golden Heart

Recipient **Houck W. Reasoner** ('55) made the trip from Little Rock.

Amazingly, after 50 years, someone has managed to preserve many documents related to the chapter's founding. It was nice to see letters from such notable SigEps as **J. Edward Zollinger, William & Mary '27** and **Frank J. Ruck, Jr., Michigan '46**. It was also great to see all the brothers stand up and sing the "Anthem" together as they closed the celebrations. The undergraduates presented the Alumni and Volunteer Corporation with \$1,000 they raised to go toward improvements to the new chapter home they will be closing on in

the near future. Alumni **Brian W. Boyce** ('96) and **Robert L. Neighbors, Jr.** ('96) have put in a lot of work lately on purchasing the new home and organizing the 50th anniversary celebration. It is dedicated alumni like them who make SigEp work. Their work is greatly appreciated.

Gary Huff, Central Arkansas, '91

Correction

In the spring issue of The Journal, we neglected to include the New York Xi Chapter at the University of Rochester in the Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse. The chapter's GPA was a 3.18.

Red Door Notes

CHAPTER HOUSE PROFILES

The tradition of the red door on Sigma Phi Epsilon chapter houses began on the campus of Syracuse University, New York Alpha in 1928. Today, nearly every Sigma Phi Epsilon chapter home has a red door to welcome SigEp brothers. The original house and red door is pictured to the right. This building is now the International Students Center, and Sigma Phi Epsilon has another magnificent home for its red door.



Michigan Beta—Western Michigan

- The chapter moved from its Woodward Avenue location, far from campus, into this home in 1991, and today 3031 Western Michigan Avenue is within two blocks of the business college.
- Built with the donations of many alumni, each room in the chapter house has a brass plaque with the donor's name. The Alumni & Volunteer Corporation established a consistent alumni newsletter and will be ready for a capital campaign in the coming years.
- The chapter house is the largest on campus and home to 50 Brothers. There is a kitchen, cafeteria, and formal room.

Texas Delta—Houston

- This university-owned property sleeps 14 men and is part of the new Greek Court. The Greek Court is home to most of the fraternities and sororities on campus.
- It is a state-of-the-art facility with 24-hour camera surveillance and ID accessible gates. There is also a shuttle service to campus. Each room has its own private bath and Internet connection.
- There is a third floor lounge with a kitchenette. Other amenities include a full kitchen, chapter room, study lounge, and conference room.



Florida Iota — University of South Florida

- Built by the university in 2003 as a part of the all-new Greek Village Expansion, the Florida Iota house has 10

bedrooms and sleeps 18 brothers and the Resident Scholar. All houses are duplexes and the Florida Iota Chapter is neighbored with the Chi Omega Sorority.

- The Chapter is finishing work on an all-inclusive office on the second floor where the Executive Board, Alumni & Volunteer Corporation and Resident Scholar can hold meetings and organize the chapter's efforts.
- Once opened, the Chapter held University Experience classes in the house to help provide a positive and active student life atmosphere for new freshman students. The Chapter looks to continue this tradition this upcoming year by inviting other instructors to hold their classes in the house.



Missouri Zeta—Southeast Missouri State

- The National Housing Corporation provided a loan which helped renovate the interior of the chapter house, which included adding high speed Internet.
- Only upperclassmen with a 3.0 GPA or higher live in "Greystone." The chapter has a residence hall on campus where the rest of the members live.
- Its occupancy is 25 and there is a nice patio with furniture and a pavilion with picnic tables. There is a stone sign in the front yard with our Greek letters inscribed on it.

Chapter Installations

THE GROWTH OF EXCELLENCE

San Diego State Returns to the Fold

BY E. SCOTT THOMPSON, II,
Southern Mississippi '99

California Delta. Those two words call to mind passion and pride for over 1,200 SigEps. In its heyday, California Delta was known by all chapters in the Southwest. Then, in the late 1990s, the chapter was closed for frat boy behavior including hazing, fighting, open parties and substance abuse. California Delta would be no more until our return to campus in the fall of 2000. On Saturday, April 24, 2004, those two words were inscribed on the charter cementing the return of one of California's historic chapters. Alumni & Volunteer Corporation President **Ronald D. Smith, '69**, captured all of the emotion when he addressed the 175 brothers, alumni and guests at the chartering banquet, "If it wasn't for this Fraternity, I never would have met the love of my life, the mother of my wonderful children, and my very best friend, my wife (and loyal Pi Phi) Molly. If it wasn't for this Fraternity, I would never have met my best guy friend, Dale Walters (**Dale A. Walters, '69**). We first met in SigEp in 1965 and have been best friends ever since. We raised our children together, built houses together, and lived across the street from each other for 18 years."

Chapter and Its History

In 1997, the chapter was closed, and the expansion team arrived on campus in the fall of 2000 to begin the initial recruitment efforts. In the fall of 2001, the chapter moved back into its chapter house and continued to gain recognition on campus by winning Chapter of the Year, Greek Man of the Year and Advisor of the Year.

Living the Balanced Man Ideal

Examples of developing a Sound Mind include having résumé workshops at the chapter house, hosting speakers from campus health, counseling, and psychological services. SigEp also has etiquette dinners and "What Women Want" seminars each semester with a sorority. The chapter is also number one in academics.

To help achieve a Sound Body, all members set physical goals at the beginning of the semester. In campus intramurals, they are ranked second on campus. There is a workout area in the chapter house and



California Delta's chapter house located a block from the Cox Arena in San Diego.

members are in personal "gym groups," groups of brothers who have similar fitness goals and work out together.

The Chapter House

Originally acquired in 1948, the chapter house is located next to campus, and in 1964 a major expansion and renovation occurred. With the addition of several new bedrooms, bathrooms, and expanded kitchen, the house now sleeps 24 men. Another recent remodel expanded the chapter room and added a computer lab and study room. The chapter is taking the appropriate steps to become a Residential



California Delta's Chapter and Charter

Learning Community and has recruited a potential Faculty Fellow. A new lighted SigEp sign was generously donated by **Gary M. Romoff, '90**.

Volunteer Support

The California Delta Alumni of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Inc., Ltd. has been continuously chartered in the State of California since 1948. Ron Smith is the President of the AVC. **Robert L. Trovaten, '67**, is the Vice President of Finance; **Dann M. Whalen, '69**, is the Vice President of Property Management; **Edward E. Dahlkamp, '63**, is the Vice President of Programming. Other key volunteers include Dale A. Walters, **Robert A. Gibbs, '63**, **Joseph E. Sullivan, '66**, and **Edward P. Ryan, '67**.

Brother Whalen has hosted AVC meetings at his home since the chapter was restarted in 2000.

Campus Environment

Founded in 1897, San Diego State University is the largest institution in the San Diego area. Enrollment is 33,676, with 27,274 undergraduate students. Approximately six percent of male students are members of one of 15 fraternities.

BY THE NUMBERS

Originally Founded: 1947

GPA: 2.82

Club Athletes: Lacrosse and Rugby

Total Life Members: 1,252

Current Undergraduate Membership: 45

April 16, 2004, Southern Methodist Charters With 83 Men

BY D. JUSTIN MASSIMO,
Southern Methodist '04

Texas Upsilon recognizes its installation as the first step in its quest for greatness. On a campus where the frat-boy stereotype is the norm, Texas Upsilon proves the Balanced Man Ideal will yield a dominant chapter. On April 16, 2004, over 225 parents, guests, alumni, and undergraduates gathered for the chartering banquet.

Living the Balanced Man Ideal

Texas Upsilon is proud of its ability to provide a different type of fraternity experience on campus with the Balanced Man Ideal. Over the past two years, some of the Sound Mind and Sound Body events include: etiquette dinners with Delta Delta Delta and Chi Omega sororities, swing dancing lessons with Chi Omega, as well as salsa and tango dancing lessons with Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority. In addition, the chapter toured a museum with Chi Omega, and holds a "What Women Want" forum with a panel of sorority ladies once a semester. Texas Upsilon has held academic forums with numerous professors in topics ranging from the California Election Recall to Aristotelian ethics. Members held Sound Body discussions on sleep deprivation and sexually transmitted diseases. The Brothers of Texas Upsilon have also held "Dress for Success" seminars, engagement ring education classes, and a jazz appreciation night. They are active in the donation of their time to organizations such as Habitat for Humanity and the Adopt-a-Highway program. They also hold a yearly philanthropy, "SigEp Sandcastles for Kids," to benefit children with cancer in the Dallas area.

Recruitment Domination

In order to back up this new philosophy, the men of SigEp at SMU needed to be successful in recruitment. In order to do that on such a traditional



Texas Upsilon Brothers at the chartering banquet

campus, they needed to come up with innovative and dynamic recruitment methods. From the beginning, the men began recruiting year-round and have found this method to be to their ultimate advantage. They began implementing a "recruitment team" process, which helps organize their recruitment efforts. They also utilize a recruitment manager website. Both these teams and this web site have been made popular by Texas Upsilon, and other SigEp chapters across the country utilize them as well. The chapter runs the Balanced Man Scholarship, and many of its candidates and recipients have joined. These recruitment methods have helped the chapter consistently maintain a position in the top 10 SigEp spring recruitment chapters across the nation and grow from 23 to 83 brothers in just two years.



Texas Upsilon chapter house

Volunteer Support

The brothers of Texas Upsilon are lucky to have excellent volunteer support which is headed by Chapter Counselor **Michael Byrnes, Saint Mary's '00**, and Alumni & Volunteer Corporation President **Jason Dowdy, Southern Methodist '96**. The alumni send out newsletters and hold social events with the chapter, including the yearly alumni-undergrad flag football game, followed by a Super Bowl party. The chapter owes its existence to these diligent men and is grateful for their contribution.

The Chapter House

The chapter house at 3050 SMU Boulevard has been Texas Upsilon's since the chapter's original founding in 1985. It has recently achieved Residential Learning Community status, and Texas Upsilon became the first and only chapter to have two Faculty Fellows hold office hours in its facility. The house remains substance-free, and the brothers take great pride in the condition of their home and show it off frequently. The house contains a computer lab/library, a Faculty Fellow office, a weight training room, and a spacious back yard. The university is funding the majority of an expansion to the facility. It will more than double the occupancy from nine to 29. It will be the most modern facility on campus and construction is set for this summer.

Campus Environment

Southern Methodist University was founded by the Methodist Church in 1911. It now enrolls over 11,000 students including 6,000 undergraduates. It is continually recognized as one of the top Greek communities in the country and prides itself on a quality learning environment. There are 10 national fraternities as well as eight national sororities and they are all housed.

BY THE NUMBERS

Originally Founded: **1985**

GPA: **3.13**

Varsity Athletes: **Tennis**

Club Athletes: **Baseball and Soccer**

Total Life Members: **417**

Current Undergraduate Membership: **83**

Miami SigEps Return to the “Mother of Fraternities”

BY JASON CHITWOOD,
Miami (Ohio) '06

The brothers of the Ohio Eta Chapter at Miami University celebrated the official installation of the chapter on April 3, 2004. Since its re-founding on November 1, 2001, the chapter has grown to over 80 members and received numerous campus awards. With this growth and success in the last two-and-a-half years, SigEp has become one of the premier fraternities on Miami University's campus.

The banquet and installation took place at the Hilton Omni Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio. A reception was held first, followed by a welcome introduction by President **Daniel K. Kehn, '05**. Dinner was followed by the sharing of the history of Ohio Eta. Departing Chapter Counselor **Kenneth A. Linsley, Georgia '01**, who spoke of his involvement with the chapter, was recognized for his outstanding service to Ohio Eta.

Grand President **James F. Robeson, Cincinnati '59**,

then took the stage as the keynote speaker of the evening and conducted the installation of the 2004-2005 Executive Board, which includes: President Kehn; Chaplain **Bradley M.**

Young, '05; Vice President of Communications **Jason C. Chitwood, '05**; Vice President of Member Development **Martin J. Carroll, '05**; Vice President of Programming **Evan Remboldt, '06**; Vice President of Recruitment **Zachary J. Tempel, '06**; Vice President of Finance **Joseph M. Hornsby, '06**.

Chapter and Its History

On November 1, 2001, the chapter was restarted and an initial group of 15 men committed to rebuilding Ohio Eta. One year later, the membership grew to 40 brothers. This growth and the construction of a new home were aided

by the dedication of the Ohio Eta Alumni & Volunteer Corporation (AVC).

Members include President **Herbert B. Glasgow, '74**; **William M. “Doc” Gordon, '57**; **Robert B. Albright, '51**; **Joseph H. Etter, '73**; **G. Cary Dice, '73**; **James J. Carfagno, '78**; **Mark J. Durket, '76**; **Guy E. Hughes, '91**; **R. Scott Shriver, '78**; **Scott H. Shadrick, '71**; **Edward C. Kimball, '54**; **David B. Chittcock, '80**; **Robert L. Blackburn, Ferris State '64**; **Richard A. Puzzitiello, Jr., '84**; and **Bob Albright, '51**.

The 2003 Greek Awards at Miami University began to show the Greek community the success of Ohio Eta. Among the accolades received were the New Member Academic Excellence Award and the



Grand President Robeson installs the 2004-05 executive board

posted along with tips on nutrition and sleep. There are a couple of SigEps preparing for a marathon and utilizing the help of their fellow chapter brothers in working out. All of this is in addition to fielding competitive intramural teams. This year, the chapter has won championships in football, volleyball, and whiffle ball.

Ohio Eta combines Sound Mind events with different sororities on campus. The chapter has attended plays and other cultural events on campus, along with taking swing dancing and ice skating lessons. Tips on public speaking and dressing for success are also posted for the brothers to read.

Campus Environment

Miami University, with an enrollment of 16,000 students, was founded in 1809 in Oxford, Ohio. Often referred to as the “Mother of Fraternities,” Miami is rich with Greek tradition. Five national fraternities were founded there, including the Miami Triad of Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, and Sigma Chi. Along with those, Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity and Delta Zeta Sorority were also founded on Miami University's campus. Today, there are 29 fraternities and 21 sororities active on campus, and approximately one-third of the students are involved in Greek life.

BY THE NUMBERS

Originally Founded: 1948

GPA: 3.14

Varsity Athletes: Cheerleading

Club Athletes: Crew and Volleyball

Buchanan Cups Won: '73, '75, '77, '79, '81, '83, '85, '87, '89

Total Lifetime Members: 1,683

Current Undergraduate Membership: 84

Record Setting Winter Sports

BY JAY LANGHAMMER

Basketball

Starting 16 contests at forward for the 17-14 **Purdue** NIT squad was Matthew M. Kiefer, '07. With over 588 minutes of action, he ranked second with 23 blocked shots; scored 181 points (6.5 per game); grabbed 96 rebounds (3.4 per game); and handed out 26 assists. Against Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne, he had a season high of 23 points with five rebounds and three assists. Matt also had 14 points and seven rebounds versus Evansville. Also seeing action for the Boilermakers was guard Christopher J. Hartley, '06. Following the season, Head Coach Lloyd E. "Gene" Keady, Jr., **Kansas State**, '58, turned down an offer from the University of San Francisco and chose to remain at Purdue for his 25th season.

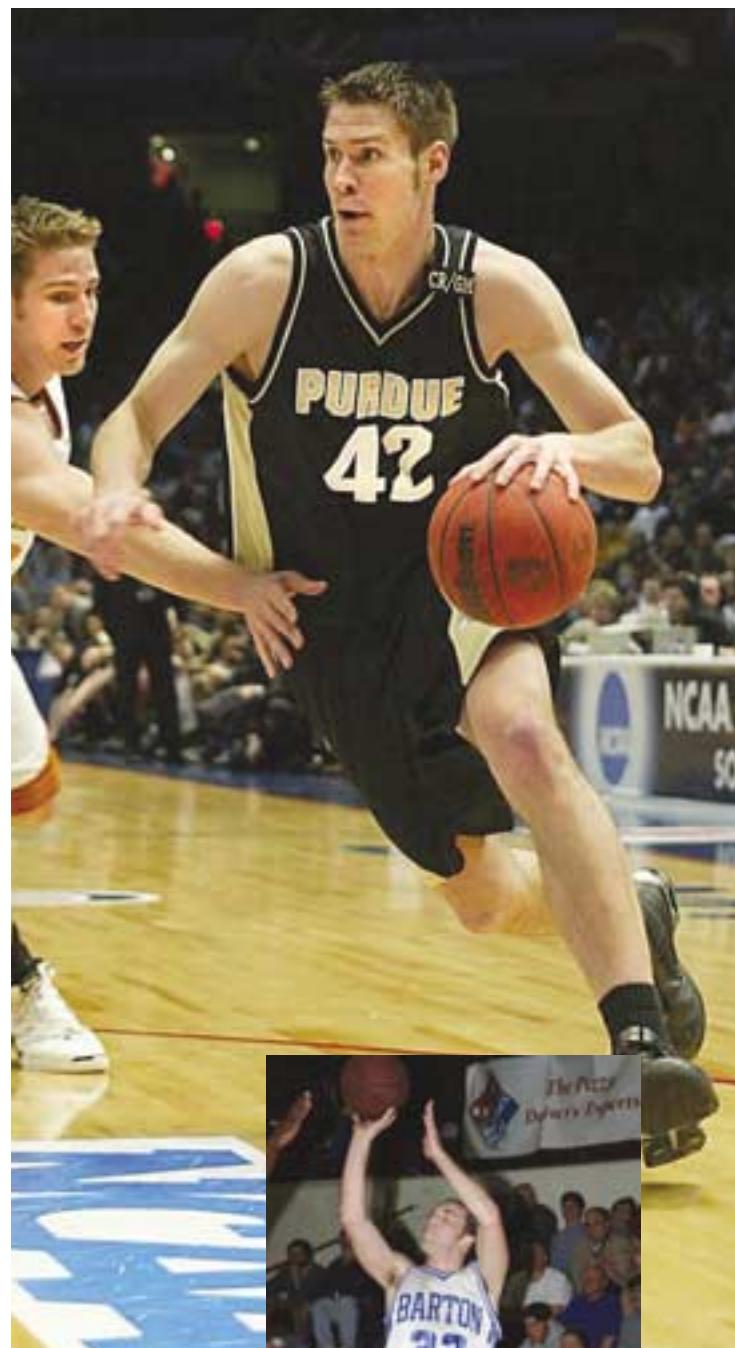
Earning All-Carolinas/Virginia Athletic Conference first team honors for 17-10 **Barton** was forward John L. Green, '04. He led the CVAC in free throw shooting (89.0 percent, 98 of 110) and was the team's top scorer (390 points, 14.4 per game) and rebounder (190, 7.0 per game). In an overtime win over St. Andrews, he scored a career-high 43 points, including 18 in overtime (one of the highest OT point totals in NCAA Division II history). John earned CVAC Player of the Week honors for that performance and was MVP of the Wolf Bus Lines Tournament.

Davis & Elkins center J. Matt Towell, '06, the team's tallest player at 6'8", played 648 minutes and was the team leader in rebounds (209, 7.5 per game); blocked shots (30); and field goal percentage (54.2 percent). He scored 234 points for an 8.4 average. David P. "Chip" Sodemann, '05 started all 27 games for **Truman State**. He led in minutes played (903) and assists (55); ranked second with 25 steals; and was third in scoring with 211 points (7.8 per game). Starting every game for his school at forward was Tyler L. Reed, '05, of the 19-8 **Ohio Wesleyan** squad. In over 675 minutes of action, he

contributed 124 points (4.6 per game), 96 rebounds (3.6 per game) and 25 steals. Seeing action in 15 contests for OWU was center Brandon A. Reid, '05.

Earning All-University Athletic Association second team honors for **Case Western Reserve** was forward Carson Oren, '06. He led in rebounding (206, 8.2 per game), assists (56) and steals (40) while ranking second in scoring (466 points, 18.6 per game) and minutes (755). He had high games of 28 points versus Mount Union and 26 points against Baldwin-Wallace. Teammate Richard Mullen, '06 scored 202 points (8.1 per game) with a best game of 22 points, seven rebounds, against John Carroll.

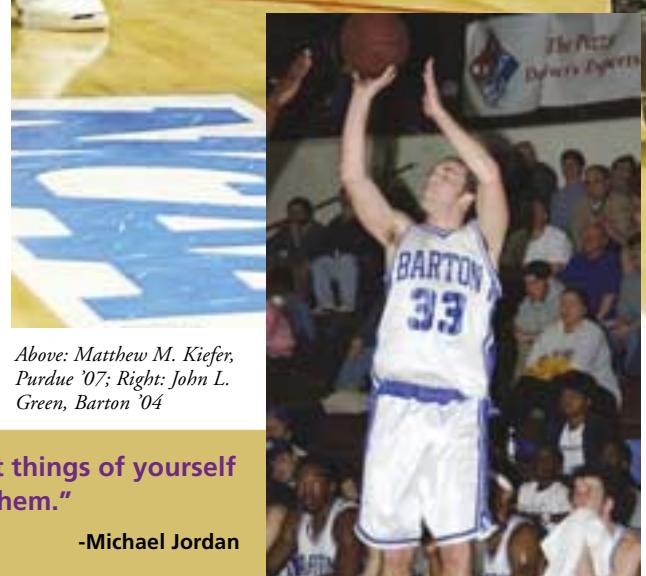
Starting nine games at center was 6'8" Clayton D. Moores, '07, of **Colorado School of Mines**, who led with 34 blocked shots. He shot 52.6 percent from the field, scored 120 points (4.4 per game) and pulled down 104 rebounds (3.9 per game). Seeing action for the **Illinois Institute of Technology** team were forwards Ryan A. Daniels, '06, and Patrick S. Swesey, Jr., '05.



Above: Matthew M. Kiefer, Purdue '07; Right: John L. Green, Barton '04

"You have to expect things of yourself before you can do them."

-Michael Jordan



Swimming

William J. Schilling, IV, '06, of

Bucknell won the Patriot League 100 breaststroke title (57.34); finished second in the 200 breaststroke (2:03.42); and was on the fourth place 200 medley relay. Also on the squad were Ryan W. Fisher, '06, and diver S. Adam Freeman, '05. At the Atlantic Coast Conference meet, Bradley A. Thrasher, '04, of **Duke** placed 23rd in the 100 backstroke and 24th in the 200 backstroke. Jeffrey W. Cohn, '07, of **George Washington** was on the Atlantic 10 Conference fifth place 800 freestyle relay and placed 12th in the 100 freestyle. Teammate Bradley B. Culp, '07, competed in the 50 freestyle and 100 butterfly events. Chad M. Hummel, '04, was the second-best platform diver for **TCU** and ranked third on the one-meter and three-meter boards. Aaron M. Farber, '05, was the number two diver for **Columbia**.

Competing in the 200 butterfly event at the NCAA Division I championships for **Utah** was Cody T. Rempfer, '06, who placed 31st. At the Mountain West Conference meet, he won the 200 butterfly, placed second in the 400 IM and had third place finishes in the 200 IM, 200 freestyle relay and 200 medley relay. **Evansville** captain Casey J. Morford, '04, set a school record in the 200 butterfly in the Missouri Valley Conference preliminaries, then placed sixth in the event with a clocking of 1:51.97. He was also sixth in the 100 butterfly and was on two fourth place relays: 400 medley and 800 medley. Prior to the MVC meet, he was on the school's 13th place 400 medley relay at the U.S. Swimming National meet.

Four SigEps were key members of the **Davidson** squad and competed at the Colonial Athletic Conference meet. Tri-captain Robert D. Koch, '04, was on the sixth place 800 freestyle relay; two

seventh place relays (200 and 400 freestyle); and placed eighth in the 200 freestyle. Christopher M. Wrobleksi, '05, placed 10th in the three meter diving competition. Foster M. Mathews, '05, was on the seventh place 200 medley relay and ranked 14th in the 100 breaststroke. Also serving Davidson as a tri-captain was Michael J. Mazza, '04.

J. Carter Fitzgerald, '06, of

St. Louis competed in the 200 butterfly, 1650 freestyle and 800 freestyle relay. Swimming the 100 breaststroke event for **Yale** was Colin O'Brady, '06. A leading competitor for **South Dakota State** again was Jacob G. Berg, '05, who posted the squad's best times in the 50 and 100 freestyle events. He also was a member of the 200 medley relay, 200 freestyle relay and 400 freestyle relay. Competing in the 100 and 200 breaststroke events for **Truman State** was Jonathan H. Peeples, '05.

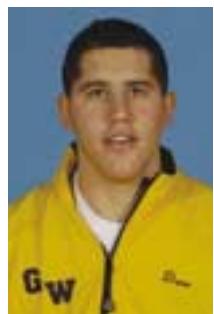
Taking first place honors in the 200 butterfly (1.50.73) at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics championships was All-American Ryan A. Feuerstein, '07, of **Illinois Tech**, who also placed third in the 100 butterfly (50.88) and fourth in the 200 IM (1:57.65). Prior to the NAIA meet, he won both butterfly events at the Midwest Conference meet. Teammate Andrew J. Peck, '06, also did well at the NAIA meet for IIT, placing fourth in the 100 freestyle (47.18), sixth in the 50 freestyle and eighth in the 100 breaststroke.

Swimming in three events at the NCAA Division III championship meet was Matthew M. Dorsch, '05, of **John Carroll**, whose best finish was 24th in the 200 freestyle. At the Ohio Athletic

Conference meet, he won the 200 freestyle (1:43.33), 200 backstroke (1:58.51) and 500 freestyle (4:48.29) events and was on the winning 200 freestyle and 800 freestyle relays. Also on the two winning



Bradley A. Thrasher,
Duke '04



Jeffrey W. Cohn,
George Washington '07

Varsity Athletes



J. Carter Fitzgerald, St. Louis '06

BILKEN MEDIA RELATIONS

relays with Matt was Benjamin M. White, '07, who also swam on the first place 200 medley relay. He placed second in the 200 IM, was on the second place 400 medley relay (with Matt) and placed third in the 100 and 200 butterfly events.

Three other SigEps were key members of the **John Carroll** squad at the OAC meet. Kevin M. Draper, '06, was on the winning 800 freestyle relay and placed third in the 100 butterfly, fourth in the 200 butterfly and sixth in the 500 freestyle. Charles O. McCarthy, '07, placed seventh in the 1650 freestyle and 11th in both the 400 IM and 500 freestyle. Diver Nicholas A. Reif, '07, placed sixth on the three-meter board and seventh on the one-meter board. Brett E. Hansen, '06, of **Denison** competed at the North Coast Athletic Conference meet and placed seventh in the 100 backstroke and eighth in the 200 backstroke. Mitchell D. Lauer, '04, competed again for the **WPI** squad.

Two other schools were represented by SigEps at the OAC meet. Robert S. Huffman, '07, of **Ohio Northern** earned All-OAC third team honors with a third place finish on the one-meter board and placed fourth in three meter diving. Teammate Brian P. Magee, '06, was ninth in the 200 butterfly and 10th in the 100 butterfly. At **Baldwin-Wallace**, four SigEps were on the squad. Adam Gaydos, '06, was on the OAC fourth place 200 freestyle relay and placed eighth in the 200 breaststroke and ninth in the 100 breaststroke. William R. Lampe, '06, finished ninth in the 100 backstroke and 10th in the 200 backstroke. Robert S. Harris, '05, was 10th in the OAC 200 butterfly and Mark E. Harris, '07, was also on the squad.



Michael J. March, UCLA '05

Water Polo

Earning All-American honorable mention and All-Mountain Pacific Sports Federation third team honors was two meter defender Michael J. March, '05, of the 20-7 **UCLA** squad. He earned All-MPSF Player of the Week honors after scoring three goals in a 7-5 win over Pepperdine and getting the winning goal in overtime to beat California-Berkeley. Michael started all 27 contests, led the Bruins with 24 assists and ranked fourth with 19 goals. Teammate Grant T. Zider, '05, was also a key player and contributed 13 goals to the UCLA cause.

Other Winter Sports

Competing at the NCAA Division I fencing championships for the second straight year was Nathan E. Bragg, '05, of **Duke**,



JON GARDINER -
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Nathan E. Bragg, Duke '05



Grant T. Zider, UCLA '05

who placed 18th in epee and finished the season with 59 victories in his matches. Prior to the Division I meet, he took fourth place honors in epee at the NCAA Mid-Atlantic/South Regional meet. Teammate Nicholas M. Testerman, '06, finished second in the Junior World Cup epee competition and tied for third in epee at the 2004 Junior Olympics. Also on the Blue Devils fencing squad was foil specialist David Penn, '05. Squash player Joshua A. Schwartz, '05, of **Yale** competed in the consolation quarterfinals at the College Squash Association national championships. He was joined on the squad by **Yale** teammate Julian T. Illingworth, '06. SigEps on the wrestling mat during the winter included Geoffrey W. Veitch, '04, of **WPI** and Louis A. Vitullo, '06, of **John Carroll**.

Tennis, Golf, Track and Baseball

More than 150 SigEps were seeing action in intercollegiate golf, baseball, tennis, track and lacrosse this spring as we went to press. Brothers on the tennis court include Ryan M. Sherry, '06, of **Florida**, Rhett Rosen, '03, of **Central**

Florida, co-captain Scott Green, '04, of **Wisconsin**, Jason M. Girardin, '04, of **Drake**, Brett W. Warner, '04, of **George Washington**, Jeffrey A. Kraft, '05, of **Muhlenberg**, Chad J. Mynthier, '04, of **Tri-State**, the **Westminster** duo of Matthew R.

McCall, '04, and Corey J. Sacca, '05, and the **Yale** group of Matthew I. Feldman, '06, John C. Lu, '05, Rowan F. Reynolds, '06, Neil S. Tolane, '04, and William J. Vidal, '06.

In Division I golf, four SigEps are leaders of the **Marshall** team: W. Burke Spensky, '03, Bradley B. Tweel, '06, Jeremy J. Graham, '05, and Derek A. Hurwitch, '06. Also competing on the links are Jarrod R. Gardner, '04, of **Mississippi**; Kevin M. Vucinich, '05, of **Jacksonville**, Kyle A. Hougham, '06, of **Iowa**, Craig M. Tautges, '05, of **Bradley**, Jonathan A. Kropski, '04, of **Davidson** and W. Matthew Stout, '07, of **Toledo**, among others. Playing Division I lacrosse for **Dartmouth** are stellar goalie Andrew A. Goldstein, '05, midfielder Sean M. Anthony, '06, and defenseman Brandon J. Charles '05. On the **Bucknell** lacrosse squad are midfielder Ryan Goodman, '05, and defenseman Michael C. Abou Jaoude, '06.

Leading track performers include **Georgia** decathletes Kelly C. Basinger, '03, and Gregory G. Sewell, '04; distance runners Billy Bludgus, '05, and Matthew S. Mulvaney, '04, of **Miami**; former All-Big East runner Xavier F. Mendez, '03, of **Rutgers**; pole vaulter David C. McCall, '05, of **Western Carolina**; distance runner Mark B. Middaugh, '06, of **Duke**;



Ryan Goodman, Bucknell '05



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William J. Vidal, Yale '06

Ryan Newcom, '05, of **Bucknell**; Scott A. Simpson, '05, of **Columbia**; Cameron G. Felton, '06, of **North Dakota**; Cody A. Rushing, '07, of **Memphis**; javelin thrower Jacob J.

Mullins, '04, of **Lynchburg**; the **Davidson** duo of Benjamin R. Gaspar, '04, and Walker F. Saik, '06; the **Florida International** duo of Jimmy W. Josko, '05, and Justin L. Boileau, '07; and the **Valparaiso** trio of Geoffrey W. Burns, '04, Matthew K. Larson, '04, and Kristopher R. Schmautz, '06.

Baseball players of note this spring include pitcher-outfielder Daniel A. Henry, '05, of **Saint Joseph's**; shortstop Zachary J. Hawks, '04, and pitcher Timothy J. Walter, '04, both of **Missouri-Rolla**; pitcher Joseph A. Guistina, '04, of **Susquehanna**; pitcher Everett R. Brower, '06, of **Christopher Newport**; seven **Denison** SigEps (including outfielder John H. Dudley, III, '05, and shortstop Brian J. Regan, '04); the **Ohio Wesleyan** quartet of outfielder Michael T. Albert, '05, outfielder-pitcher Byron L. Lowe, '04, catcher Paul M. Suhar, '05, and

outfielder Matthew E. Strasburg, '05; plus six players on the **Westminster** squad (including pitcher Craig T. Rechichar, '04, pitcher James A. Polish, '05, and outfielder Anthony J. Carna, '06). In the next issue of *The Journal*, we will review the success of these and other spring inter-collegiate athletes.

Cameron G. Felton, North Dakota '06



Varsity Athletes



Meet Cam Felton

Cam is a senior who has run cross-country and track for the University of North Dakota since his freshman year. He does not just go to class, practice and come home. He has a 3.05 GPA and is involved in Student Government and Deacons. He has brought several speakers to educate his chapter on issues ranging from nutrition to diversity. As a varsity scholar athlete, he has some thoughts to share on how a varsity athlete adds value to SigEp.

Journal: How has membership in SigEp benefited you?

Felton: SigEp has introduced me to so many people and other facets of campus. I would not have gotten involved with Student Government or been on select university committees without being a SigEp. Other athletes just don't get this. Like a fraternity, athletes tend to do everything together. Unlike SigEp, their group is not centered on the cardinal principles, which gives it substance; it is centered on the common sport. SigEp helps me make my grades because there is always someone pushing you to do better. The athletic tutors are good, but SigEp is a better motivator.

Journal: How does SigEp benefit from having a varsity athlete in the chapter?

Felton: Varsity athletes are the epitome of the Balanced Man. We have to stay in peak condition *and* excel in the classroom; otherwise, we are off the team. SigEp helps you keep focused on developing both your mind and body. What is important to me

is also important to my Fraternity—that part is so key. It seems like varsity athletes would want to be a part of SigEp. If nothing else, it helps breakdown the perception that all fraternity guys are preppy and all athletes are dumb jocks.

Journal: What do your coaches think of your involvement with SigEp?

Felton: At first they were very skeptical. They thought I was going to have behavior problems and my sleeping habits would be affected from "partying." In fact, every Friday, one coach would say, "Remember, there is no partying with those frat-boys, right?" Everything changed when the chapter invited him to a meet-your-professor-day, an event where the brothers bring one of their professors to the chapter house. He wasn't able to attend, but the invitation showed our GPA, which, at that time, was a 3.37. After that, he congratulated me and said he didn't realize my Fraternity stood for high academics. SigEp changed his viewpoint.

Journal: How would you encourage others to recruit varsity athletes?

Felton: Articulate the Balanced Man Ideal and show them how their goals as scholar athletes are the same as SigEp's. Talk to their coaches and show them how your chapter develops men. Show them the chapter GPA. Show them a copy of *The Journal*. It helps get the point across that we are serious about building a Sound Mind and a Sound Body.

Achieving Health & Wellness— Ryan P. Blanck's Story

BY E. SCOTT THOMPSON, II,
Southern Mississippi '99

In March of 2004, **Ryan P. Blanck, Western Michigan '02**, was hired to be Director of Health and Wellness for the Headquarters staff. His responsibilities include the development and execution of the New Member Camp and increasing awareness of health issues to our undergraduates, alumni, volunteers, and staff.

When he was 16 years old, Brother Blanck weighed 235 pounds, and the desire to change his lifestyle came after a hefty dinner. At the time he was working as a roofer and was putting in 10-12 hour days. With such an intense work day, Blanck developed a giant appetite and for dinner ate 14-15 homemade tacos, six enchiladas and four burritos. He then met up with some friends at a restaurant and ate again. He took a look at himself and realized this was not healthy. Things had to change.

Confronting Fears with a Friend

He began by running a mile every night before going to bed. When he turned 17, his friend, Marc Thompson, invited Ryan

to join a gym with him. Blanck was also active with ice hockey. Coupled with the metabolism of a teenager, it didn't take long for the weight to come off. Unfortunately, college was less forgiving. His metabolism slowed and he began to yo-yo between being in shape for four months and being out of shape for the rest of the year. At the time, he was following a workout program geared to transform your body in three months time. Rather than stay at his ideal weight, Blanck slowly put the weight back on.

Fast Forward to Today

Being in SigEp helped him strive for the Balanced Man Ideal. Even though he was out of shape, his chapter brothers encouraged him. Then he found the solution—achieve his ideal weight and then maintain it over a four-month period. By doing this, his body will adjust to this ideal weight and not bounce back to its original weight. Today, he is 200 pounds and his goal is to get back down

"We must tackle the obesity issue so that all our Brothers, undergraduate and alumni, live as long as possible. I am working to create initiatives that promote a healthier lifestyle."

— Ryan Blanck, Director of Health and Wellness, Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity

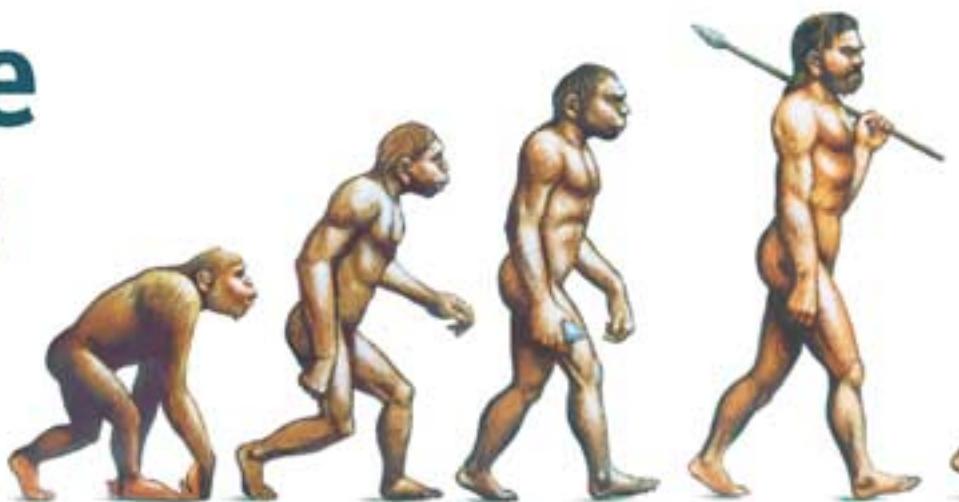
to five percent body fat while weighing 185 pounds. After reaching that weight, he will add lean muscle mass until he reaches (June 24, 2005) 195 pounds with five percent body fat. So how does someone shed body fat and then add only muscle? Ryan has shared his eating and exercise habits.

His meals consist of healthy foods, high in fiber, protein and nutrients. One day each week (Sunday) is a cheat day, where Blanck eats whatever he wants. Monday through Saturday he eats six times per day instead of the usual three meals. By having smaller meals throughout the day, his body sugar level is kept at a constant level. A drop in body sugar means you will feel hungry and overeat to compensate.

For exercise, Blanck alternates one day of strength training with one day of aerobic exercise. He also gets an average of seven-and-a-half hours of sleep each night. The body needs sleep to build muscle and recuperate before the next workout.

Ryan talks about the importance of the SigEp community in achieving good health: "Our fraternity has a Director of Health and Wellness to help our membership make the

The shape of things to come





Working out today: Ryan employs a six-day workout plan to overcome unhealthy habits. Right: Ryan at 285 lbs.



proper choices to live their best life. The illustration from the cover of *The Economist* magazine says it all—we must tackle the obesity issue so that all our Brothers, undergraduate and alumni, live as long as possible. I am working to create initiatives that promote a healthier lifestyle. In addition, I am starting from within the SigEp Headquarters to ensure everyone has a proper workout program and nutrition plan to achieve their fitness and health goals. We have a goal to lose 150 pounds of fat by April 16, 2005."

Should you have questions about his eating and exercise habits or any health-related topic, e-mail him at ryan.blanck@sigep.net.



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Sound Mind and Sound Body

Life's Journey—How Living the Balanced Man Ideal Aligns with the Cardinal Principles

BY ROBERT W. LANHAM,
Indiana '77

Like many of you, demands on time—both at work and at home—constantly compete with my efforts to attain Balance in my life, according to the principles of our Founders. I have found it extremely difficult to progress toward this balance if I try to travel on my own—the journey requires good company, deliberate planning, and inspiration!

Good Company

First among my fellow travelers is my wife of over 25 years, Leigh. Without her positive influence and the personal accountability we provide each other in our daily efforts, I would have wandered off the intended path long ago—and likely stayed there. Close partnership with a strong soul who is also searching for excellence and balance is perhaps the most important element of a strategy for success. Along the way, I have also been privileged to journey with others—gaining guidance, comradeship, and inspiration from good friends and brothers, all searching for balanced improvement in body, mind, and spirit. Associating with others who are dedicated to these principles of virtue, diligence, mutual respect and honor is of paramount importance in life's journey. This fact lends great credence to our own Fraternity's efforts to develop an enriching environment on our college campuses to provide a strong beginning.

Failure to Plan Is...

The next critical link in developing a winning strategy for life is to deliberately develop and implement a plan for reaching your goal. This should come as no surprise to anyone. Indeed, we are inundated with available planning tools, all focused on teaching us to manage our time, "put first things first," and follow

through in our search for excellence. Many of these efforts are quite similar and, through trial and error, I have adapted some elements of each that work the best for me. Deliberate planning for only a portion of my life makes no more sense than planning only a single portion of a battle or a military campaign. The plan must be both flexible and

comprehensive—providing for daily physical exercise, the food I accept into my body, the nurturing of my relationships, and other elements—all in addition to what is required at work. I am even learning that it is important to have "white space" on the calendar—to reserve the time to think, reflect, adjust, and recharge. If these things are not committed into some sort

of deliberate plan, the "busy-ness" and hectic pace of our daily lives will gain control of our agenda.

Inspiration

The final key element to a successful journey is providing for your own spiritual inspiration. Too often, I get focused on the day-to-day details. I need something that connects me to the best ideas a good life has to offer. We can gain access to time-tested wisdom by reading scripture, poetry and literature, biographies of great people, or histories of interesting times. These works nurture a desire for real and purposeful meaning in our lives. Connecting with the greatness of others provides sound context for our lives and inspiration for our dreams and our efforts to achieve them. I am not yet at the destination I envision for my travels through life, but I enjoy each step along the journey—largely because of the people I travel with and the benefits already accumulating. Care to come along?



Robert W. Lanham, Indiana '77, after the Brotherhood Luncheon at the 2003 Grand Chapter Conclave in San Antonio, Texas.

SMU Athletic Director on Recruiting Athletes

BY JOHN A. SCHUYLER,
Western Michigan '00,
AND E. SCOTT THOMPSON, II,
Southern Mississippi '99

Brother Jim Copeland attended the University of Virginia where he joined the Virginia Eta Chapter. He was a three-year starter as an offensive lineman for the Cavaliers and was selected in the 10th round of the 1967 NFL draft by the Cleveland Browns. He played for the Browns from 1967 to 1974, appearing in NFL championship games against the Baltimore Colts in 1968 and the Minnesota Vikings in 1969.

After leaving the NFL, he went on to become an athletic director. Brother Copeland has been at helm of the College of William & Mary, University of Utah, and University of Virginia's athletic programs, and is currently the director of athletics at Southern Methodist University. Under his guidance, SMU's student-athlete graduation rate is 14 percentage points higher than the national average.

Recently, *The Journal* sat down with Jim to pick his brain about recruiting varsity athletes.

Journal: Why did you choose to join Sigma Phi Epsilon at UVA?

Copeland: I joined in the '60s and college life at UVA was different than today. Enrollment was much smaller and all students were male. It operated like a private school rather than a large state institution. Fraternities were the center for societal life and politics. When I arrived on campus, I had not anticipated joining a fraternity, but realized quickly it was the thing to do, as many of the students were Greek. During the formal rush process, I became most comfortable with the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon. They spent time with me and made me feel more welcome than any other fraternity. There were four to five other football players in the chapter and I joined with a basketball player. The brothers gave me the sense that the chapter was not overly rigid in terms of its expectations. Time expectations were a major factor in my joining decision. I wanted to be an athlete and still be an

active member in the chapter. It's interesting that some of my closest friends from UVA are not former teammates, they are chapter brothers.

Journal: How did Sigma Phi Epsilon benefit you as a varsity athlete member?

Copeland: Sigma Phi Epsilon wasn't strictly a "jock-house." There were brothers from different backgrounds involved in many activities. Having such a diverse mix of close friends was incredibly valuable for me. While the football team did not boast many players from around the nation, our chapter did.

My undergraduate days at UVA were very positive. Being a student athlete, interacting with faculty, and my development in Sigma Phi Epsilon all broadened my horizons. It's a big part of my success.

Journal: Why do you believe the fraternity experience is valuable for a varsity athlete today?

Copeland: Athletes today do not have off seasons... expectations on the field of play and in the classroom are high. These demands do not leave a lot of time for varsity athletes to enjoy a comprehensive college experience. Athletes do not experience all the benefits of a college/university as they used to. They go to practice, they go to class, and then they go to bed. They tend to interact with other players and coaches. Sigma Phi Epsilon is a way to take them out of this environment and show them the rest of the school. I feel the Balanced Man Program is a perfect complement for athletes. Since it focuses on individual achievement, it does not keep athletes from team obligations. When done right, the Fraternity helps all men experience all college has to offer.

As the Athletic Director, I hold coaches accountable for winning, academics and social development. The stereotypical 'frat' is not beneficial to students, let alone athletes.

Journal: While Sigma Phi Epsilon is working to demolish the "frat boy stereotype," how do we effectively communicate the value of joining to coaches and athletes?

Copeland: Coaches need to see positive integration into the student body. Take athletes out of their immediate realm and expose them to different cultures. Service is another area where fraternities can benefit the athlete. There is a community service office that works to get our athletes plugged into the community. A fraternity can fill that gap by talking about its ongoing service projects.

Journal: What information makes a fraternity more attractive to a coach?

Copeland: A high GPA, high involvement in other organizations on campus, a commitment to service, and residing in a substance-free house make a huge difference. One good idea is to invite athletes over to the chapter house for a meal. It is a low-key way to introduce athletes to the Fraternity. The chapter environment should encourage good study habits, healthy habits, and a feeling of belonging.

Journal: What obstacles should a chapter expect when recruiting varsity athletes? How do you suggest they overcome those?

Copeland: The demand on an athlete's time is the biggest hurdle. Showing athletes how the Fraternity supplements school work is imperative. Coaches are concerned with the athletes' behavior. The stereotypical 'frat' has a lot of problems with behavior so the athlete knows his coach won't go for such a pitfall. Only a fraternity that is different, and proves it, can overcome that obstacle. When discussing membership in Sigma Phi Epsilon, make it a point to outline expectations of membership or a typical week for a brother. The chapter here at SMU has asked to have a representative attend the monthly coaches' meeting to educate everyone about Sigma Phi Epsilon. I think that's a good start.



Copeland, VA '67, SMU's Athletics Director

46 Chapters! The Most Ever In the Wheelhouse!

Stanford, Dartmouth, Yale, and Chicago Have Chapter Wide 3.5 and Higher

The Grand Chapter GPA is 2.917 with 239 chapters reporting. The following chapters with cumulative GPAs of 3.15 or higher are in the Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse. Chapters that have not reported their GPA to Headquarters need to submit that information to Bayard Gennert at bayard.gennert@sigep.org.



Grand Chapter GPA for 239 chapters reporting: 2.917

SCHOOL	GPA	MANPOWER	RANK ON CAMPUS
1. Stanford	3.61	34	
2. Dartmouth	3.54	100	
3. <i>Yale</i>	3.54	54	
4. Chicago	3.52	19	
5. Pittsburg State	3.42	28	1/6
6. Georgia*	3.40	86	1/27
7. Washington U. in St. Louis	3.40	83	
8. Columbia	3.39	34	
9. MIT	3.36	24	15/27
10. Utah State	3.36	27	1/6
11. Florida	3.35	127	
12. St. Louis U.	3.35	110	4/12
13. Valparaiso*	3.33	84	
14. Duke	3.32	73	10/14
15. Nebraska	3.31	103	3/21
16. Johns Hopkins	3.30	78	2/11
17. Syracuse*	3.30	42	
18. Cornell	3.29	39	15/48
19. Ohio State*	3.29	79	2/28
20. Drake*	3.27	71	1/8
21. Huntingdon	3.27	24	
22. Penn	3.27	68	18/33
23. Richmond*	3.27	83	1/7
24. Cincinnati	3.26	96	1/21
25. Illinois*	3.26	122	3/54
26. Northern Iowa*	3.26	56	1/6
27. Toledo	3.26	75	1/11
28. Washburn*	3.26	41	1/4
29. Bucknell	3.24	88	3/11
30. Case Western Reserve*	3.24	41	5/18
31. DePaul	3.24	35	1/5
32. Tufts	3.23	31	
33. Nebraska-Omaha	3.21	47	1/5
34. Lynchburg	3.20	19	1/5
35. Miami (Florida)	3.20	78	3/10
36. <i>California-Berkeley</i>	3.19	32	11/35
37. Michigan	3.19	62	13/28
38. Virginia	3.19	55	
39. Creighton	3.18	63	2/5
40. Loyola Marymount	3.18	101	2/5
41. San Diego	3.18	50	1/4
42. North Dakota*	3.17	66	1/13
43. Tulane	3.17	83	
44. Babson	3.16	46	1/3
45. Rochester	3.16	46	3/14
46. <i>Florida Gulf Coast</i>	3.15	35	1/2

Key: ■ 3.5 Chapter-wide GPA-Phi Beta Kappa Standard

* Residential Learning Community

Italics denotes a Sigma Epsilon Chapter (SEC)

How They Make It in the Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse—Cincinnati

Believing that learning is a lifelong pursuit, the men of the Ohio Theta Chapter at the University of Cincinnati rely on a strong Sound Mind Chairman to excel in academics. Each of the 96 brothers collects and submits a mid-term report to the Sound Mind Chairman. These reports help identify potential problems and ways to improve before the end of the term.

The SigEps at Cincy know that academics should be a fun and rewarding part of the college experience. There are incentives for brothers who earn a GPA in the Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse, and the incentives vary from discounted dues to gift certificates. Each spring, the chapter has a Phi Beta Kappa dinner recognizing brothers who maintained a 3.15 GPA for the past academic year.

New Chapters and Residential Learning Communities in the Wheelhouse

All new chapters, or Sigma Epsilon Chapters, have a 3.0 GPA standard for membership, and many chartered chapters are copying this by increasing standards incrementally by .10 every year.

The approach is surprisingly simple: recruit smart men and they will produce good grades. Having a GPA standard means the chapter expects the best of its men.

**"O tolmon
nika." He
who dares,
wins.**

—Spartan
Military Saying

Thirty five percent of Residential Learning Communities are in the Wheelhouse versus 16 percent of all SigEp chapters.

Columbia's Silverzweig Beating Testicular Cancer

BY E. SCOTT THOMPSON, II,
Southern Mississippi '99

It was a typical October afternoon in New York City. At Columbia University there was a soccer match between SigEp and Delta Sigma Phi. **Zachary A. Silverzweig, '05**, did a slide tackle to intercept the soccer ball when he felt something pull in his groin. Limping to the sidelines he wondered how bad the injury might be. Would he be out of playing intramurals for the chapter for a couple of weeks? Maybe longer? After the game, when the swelling had gone down, Zach noticed a lump on his testicle. His first thoughts were to have a doctor look at it just to be safe. He wasn't thinking that a week later he would undergo surgery for testicular cancer.

Make No Mistake

Testicular cancer is the number one malignancy for men aged 20-34, and it is the number one cancer killer for men in that age group. When discovered early it is almost always curable.

Zach was 20 years old when he discovered his lump. As a health conscience SigEp, he went to Columbia Health Services for a diagnosis and was referred to a doctor. Early detection is the key to eliminating testicular cancer and once diagnosed the surgery to eliminate it was quickly scheduled. The doctor removed the malignant testicle from Zach. On a follow-up visit, the doctor performed a cat scan of his midsection and found that the cancer had spread to his lymph system.

A second, more complicated surgery was required to help rid his body of cancer, and this surgery took place one

month after the first. The procedure calls for an incision from the sternum to the groin, right down the middle of his torso. The lymph nodes are removed entirely from the body then checked for cancer. After this procedure is completed, the cure rate for cancer is 95 percent. Zach had to drop out of classes for the fall semester. He is an economics major with a 3.87 GPA. Since losing time in the fall, Zach decided to not minor in the arts so that he could graduate on time.



Brother Silverzweig at the 2003 Ruck Leadership Institute and eight months later during chemotherapy.

surgery, Zach had to undergo two rounds of intense chemotherapy. Chemotherapy is using chemical agents or drugs to selectively destroy malignant tissues. In January of 2004, he had his first round, which consisted of taking the chemotherapy for eight hours a day, five times for one week. After this round was completed, he was off of the chemotherapy for one month and went back for a second and final round.

Intense Chemotherapy

There was a possibility the cancer was not completely gone. After the



Zach's chapter got involved with "Relay for Life" as a means of support for him during his recovery. The chapter raised over \$13,000 and six Brothers logged over 25 miles each in the relay.

Zach's hair fell out all over his body, and he was very weak from both the surgery and the chemotherapy. He is originally from Park City, Utah, but he stayed in New York for the surgeries and recovery. During that time he was in the chapter house and his mother was by his side. Several members of the chapter and his girlfriend helped look after Zach during this time. His recovery from the operations and chemotherapy has been slow. As of April 2004, he is just now able to run and be moderately active.

At his first chapter meeting, the rest of the SigEps wanted to know what they could do to be helpful to Zach. His answer was to get involved with Relay for Life, a community event that raises money for cancer research and celebrates cancer survivors. The chapter agreed and to date has raised more money for the cause than any other student organization on campus.

Zach currently sits on the Board of Directors for Relay for Life and

plans to do so next year. With his background in economics, Zach plans to work for a biotech company that manufactures, develops or tests cancer medication. As he says, "There will always be a need for these companies to have someone do economic forecasting. Since I won't be wearing a lab coat, this will be my way of giving back."

Should you have questions for Zach about his ordeal with testicular cancer, email him at zas2002@columbia.edu.

Cincinnati SigEps Show... Innovations Rooted in Imagination

BY JOHN A. SCHUYLER,
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Theodore Levitt, Professor of Business Administration Emeritus at the Harvard Business School, stated, "Creativity is thinking up new things. Innovation is doing new things." In the four years I have been a member of the Headquarters staff, I am routinely impressed by the ability of our undergraduate brothers and chapters to innovate. Nearly every program offered by the national Fraternity, from New Member Camps to the *Quest To Greece*, is deeply rooted in the imagination of an undergraduate brother or chapter.

The Balanced Man Scholarship, one of SigEp's great innovations, draws its origins back to the Ohio Theta Chapter at the University of Cincinnati. In 2003-2004, 70 percent of SigEp's chapters utilized the Balanced Man Scholarship (BMS) as a means of meeting high achieving students and expressing their pride in the Balanced Man Ideal. Each campus is unique; therefore, it's essential for brothers to creatively implement the program to best fit their situation. Creativity sparks innovation, and here are five innovative ideas, originating from various chapters, that your chapter may be able to use in its BMS program:

1. Generate a higher number of applicants by posting the application online. Many incoming students are now using the web to search for scholarships and apply for them. Ask your Financial Aid Office for a list of frequently used sites and conduct a search of your own. Sites such as fastweb.com and scholarships.com are popular. Conduct a search for "scholarships" at popular search engines such as Google.com and Yahoo.com to find hot scholarship sites. Register your scholarship on these sites. In this instance, it is particularly helpful to have an online scholarship application.

2. Establish an unbiased method to pick your semifinalists, finalists, and winners. Recognize that you are choosing the best balanced men. The scholarship is not a



Ohio Theta Chapter house, where the Balanced Man Scholarship was first imagined.

means for recognizing just strong GPAs, sports performance, OR extracurricular activities. It is an award aimed at recognizing men who have exhibited all-around excellence in living the ideals of Sound Mind and Sound Body. One method of narrowing the field is to assign point values to certain GPA ranges and activities such as athletics, student government positions, volunteer work, etc. For example, if an applicant was the captain of a sport, that would be worth more points than if he were just a varsity letter winner. By assigning point values, you are making the process as objective as possible.

3. Host a classy awards banquet for finalists and their parents and assign brothers and finalists to specific table settings with name cards. Assign brothers who have things in common with the finalists and their parents at a particular table. Perhaps sit the members who initially interviewed the finalist with him at dinner. The banquet is a key factor in impressing finalists and their parents. If the finalist feels comfortable with whomever he is sitting at the banquet and his parents are impressed by the men in the chapter, they will both begin to see the value in membership.

4. At the banquet, award at least one current brother as the final award recipient. The banquet is not just for giving away scholarships; it's a celebration of the

Balanced Man Ideal. Awarding a current member, or members, allows the chapter to showcase its best example(s) of Balanced Men to prospective members, their parents, and university administrators. Take the opportunity to talk about the accomplishments of one or more chapter brothers before presenting the award. Leave finalists with the thought: "That's the kind of person I'd like to become." At many chapters, this award has become a tremendous source of pride and is decided upon by the Standards Board or a Balanced Man Scholarship Committee.

5. Establish an endowment plan with the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation in order to annually fund the Balanced Man Scholarship awards. Once established, a portion of the endowment fund may be used annually for scholarships at the chapter and/or Alumni & Volunteer Corporation's discretion. Rates of return vary annually based upon market performance, but are usually between four and seven percent. Consult the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation on effective ways to grow your chapter's fund and talk to your alumni and volunteers about including a BMS story in your alumni newsletter.

What new innovations will your chapter bring to SigEp?

100 Years of *The Journal*

1904 - 2004

The story of *The Journal* began on a quiet evening in December of 1903. It was in Ryland Hall in the Alpha Chapter Room, the same site where Sigma Phi Epsilon was born, that the first Conclave was held. Records from that night tell us several things. The first: there were four chapters out of seven represented, and secondly it was held during December so as not to interfere with studies. We were an undergraduate-driven Fraternity in the most literal sense. At this gathering, the decision to create a publication was born, and plans were underway to create a way to link the soon-to-be SigEp alumnus with his undergraduate chapter.

Growth of the Fraternity has been constant since the founding, and this is reflected in the modest *Journal* first mailed in March of 1904. Uncle Billy reported in the first issue that the Fraternity had chapters "from the Atlantic Ocean to the Rocky Mountains, and from the Great Lakes to the Gulf." The number of SigEp chapters stood at 11, no small feat considering the Fraternity was founded two years and three months earlier.

From the outset, *The Journal* fulfilled its duty as the focal point for its brothers. That first issue was a



*The Journal's first editor,
Founder William L.
Phillips, Richmond 1903*

respectable 28 pages filled with chapter updates, alumni news, and articles on improving the fraternity experience. Aside from the page count and look, not much has changed. It brought news of the establishment of our historic chapters—Illinois, Colorado, Penn, South Carolina, Purdue, Syracuse, etc. It also educated on subjects pertaining to undergraduate life. In the October, 1906, issue, there was an article by Dr. Frank Wieland of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity that addressed what is now referred to as "binge drinking."

Over the years, *The Journal* changed ownership as new editors assumed the task of communicating with as many brothers as possible. Some of these men were icons of the Fraternity. **Clifford B. Scott, Nebraska 1916**, was the songwriter of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Anthem. When he died suddenly in 1929, *The Journal* dedicated 16 pages to his memory, he had that much influence on the Fraternity. **John W. Robson, Lawrence 1928**, took over in the late 1940s and held this position for over 30 years. It was during his tenure the magazine



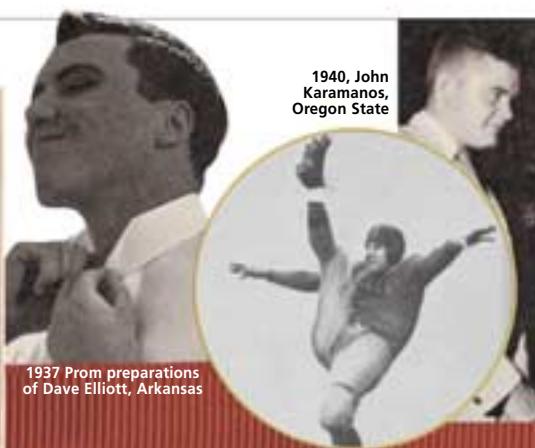
*Clifford B. Scott,
Nebraska '16*

*SigEp Varsity captains from Colorado State,
Ohio Northern, and Ohio State in 1922-23*

1908: Georgia Tech Glee Club



*1915 Installing
Committee Penn State*



*1940, John
Karamanos,
Oregon State*

*1937 Prom preparations
of Dave Elliott, Arkansas*

• 1900 • 1905 • 1910 • 1915 • 1920 • 1925 • 1930 • 1935 • 1940 • 1945 • 1950 •

Journal Editors by Years

Names in italics indicate editors who are deceased

1904-12	1912-16; <i>1918-21</i>	1916-18	1921-29	1929-41	1942-71	1971-72	1972-75	1975-79
<i>William L. Phillips, Richmond '03</i>		<i>W. F. Price, Missouri- Columbia '17</i>	<i>Clifford B. Wingett, Delaware '03</i>	<i>F. James Scott, Nebraska '16</i>	<i>Barnes, William & Mary '27</i>	<i>John W. Robson, Lawrence '28</i>	<i>Donald L. Tanner, Memphis '67</i>	<i>Ralph L. Sellmeyer, Missouri- Columbia '50</i>

“The success of a fraternity journal depends entirely upon the alumni members of the fraternity. The things which it discusses are for college men in the broad sense of the word and for fraternity men in particular”
—from the October, 1915 issue of The Journal

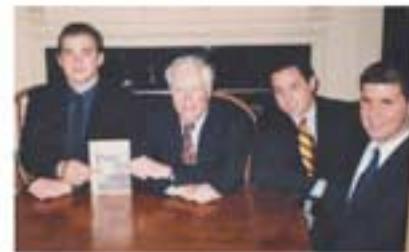


John W. Robson, Lawrence '28
 changed with more pages devoted to varsity athletes and chapter news.

During the first and second World Wars, *The Journal* told stories of brothers overseas. Exact numbers of SigEps serving in both conflicts were in the thousands, and the magazine followed its brothers into the trenches and back. When there were sweeping changes in society from Prohibition and the Great Depression to the Civil Rights movement, *The Journal* reported on how SigEps played critical roles in all of those events.

An idea, like so many in our Fraternity, born from undergraduates at Conclave, *The Journal* still provides that link between the alumnus and his chapter. It also shares ideas between chapters. It celebrates our accomplishments and recognizes our challenges. It is mailed to 150,000 SigEps all over the world, the largest circulation for a fraternity magazine. From its humble beginnings in 1904, it has grown to 52 pages and is the only correspondence mailed to all of our brothers. It is our link to you. It has chronicled the growth of Sigma Phi Epsilon and will continue to report faithfully for many, many years to come.

Penn Recreates Cover From 1954



Looking back 50 years ago, the cover of The Journal featured the Penn chapter president Quinn, (deceased) and historian Glennon in the library of the old chapter house at 3909 Spruce Street.

The Penn Delta Chapter at the University of Pennsylvania was founded in the same month as *The Journal*. The cover commemorating the 50th Anniversary of *The Journal* and Penn featured Penn Chapter President **George L. Quinn, '55** and historian **P. Clarke Glennon, '55**. Recently several officers of the chapter took a photo with Brother Glennon in the library of the chapter house to recreate the cover and celebrate the 100th anniversary of both *The Journal* and Penn Delta.



1955 • 1960 • 1965 • 1970 • 1975 • 1980 • 1985 • 1990 • 1995 • 2000 • 2005

Chapters producing the most Journal editors: 1. Kansas (2); 2. Missouri-Columbia (2); 3. Oregon State (2)

1979-82; 1990-95	1982-88	1988-90	1995-96	1996-97	1997-2000	2000-01	2001-02	2002-present
Dean L. Woodbeck, Michigan Tech '78	Craig D. Templeton, Kansas '81	Joseph W. Langella, Jr., Connecticut '83	Kenneth S. Maddox, Oregon State '75	Jacques L. Vauclain, III, Davidson '91	Nathan E. Gamble, Oregon State '95	John P. Adams, Kansas '99	David Basler, Kent State '00	E. Scott Thompson, II, Southern Mississippi '99

A Blueprint for Success

NHC & Mission for Housing

In 1959, then District Governor **J. Russell Pratt, Michigan and Purdue '39**, changed the landscape of fraternity housing. He proposed, and the Grand Chapter adopted, Resolution 15 creating SigEp's National Housing Corporation (NHC).

It was a new concept: a national fraternity helping its local alumni boards build houses and save for the future. SigEp's NHC continues to do unheard-of things. We just obtained a \$15 million dollar line of credit that allows us to be a first mortgage lender. We help qualifying chapters with fund-raising campaigns. In a few instances, we manage a property to avoid foreclosure. How are we doing this? It is simple: we have the right people, people who are passionate about SigEp, committed to bettering housing and innovation. The right people make these things possible.

And, that's not all. Student housing needs have changed (see page 24). Universities are creating palaces that compete for our students' interest. Congress is considering legislation that makes all fraternity housing gifts tax deductible. Plus, SigEp has its own cutting-edge program, also known as the Residential Learning Community (see page 22), that creates an environment where faculty and students live and learn together. Again, we are tapping into the right people.

There is much happening in the world of housing. Read on to see what role you can play.

Second Century Housing Challenges

Sigma Phi Epsilon boasted 263 chapters in April, 2004. About one-half of those are housed. A few of those are in the top quartile of the houses on their respective campuses. Several years ago, our National Board of Directors resolved that we accomplish 10 major housing projects per year. These challenges are addressed by the Fraternity's National Housing Corporation.

Keep in mind that building a house today costs between \$1.3 to \$4 million dollars. The NHC has about \$6 million in assets to help 263 chapters.

The NHC helps Alumni & Volunteer Corporations (AVCs) attack the housing challenges in four ways. They are: lending, fund raising, training, and what I like to call the diving catch.

Lending—In 2003, the NHC entered a \$15 million lending partnership with BB&T, a fast-growing commercial lender in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, to lend to AVCs for housing acquisitions and improvements. We lend that money to AVCs as first mortgages with a favorable



Brothers at Ohio State began work in Jan. 2002 on their renovations. Today they enjoy a comfortable new environment.

but variable rate (London Inter-Bank Offered Rate plus three percent, or today about four-and-a-half percent, capped at nine percent). Use of this financing arrangement enables AVCs to cut their financing costs drastically. We encourage them to use that savings to better maintain their house and to pay down their debt.

We are grateful to BB&T for the favorable partnership. The costs of this project are paid by the participants and not the Grand Chapter.

Fund Raising. Borrowing alone will not fund a SigEp Residential Learning Community. An \$800,000 loan will not buy a \$2 million house (to pick an average). That leaves a short fall of \$1.2 million. Even a



Ohio State renovations



large chapter would stretch to repay a loan of \$800,000. The challenge is to raise the equity required (the \$1,200,000 over the borrowed sum). For that equity, we turn to our alumni.

The NHC is supporting alumni development for chapter housing campaigns. The NHC guides the chapters in developing alumni events, AVCs, web services and newsletter support. Once an alumni program is up and running, the NHC provides the AVC with experienced professional fund raisers from a number of pre-qualified fund-raising firms working in partnership with the NHC. Our professionals guide the AVC in housing designs to maximize tax-deductible space which, in turn, maximizes the use of charitable contributions. We also find that our alumni tend to continue giving beyond a housing campaign to support their chapter's academic needs.



Welcoming entrance to the Colorado chapter house

Today we are in various stages of 15 campaigns.

This is a new venture that is designed to be self-funding at no cost to the Headquarters or Housing Corporation.

Training—The NHC sponsors the Fraternity's Property Management Program, a short course at each Conclave for AVC officers. The course consists of an intense review of short- and long-term house operation and maintenance issues. Insurance reserves (money saved from our low claims rate) from the SigEp Property Insurance Program pay for this training.

The Diving Catch—We find that chapters with significant loans sometimes stumble. For example, risk management incidents occur, manpower drops, AVCs lose volunteers, occupancy falls, rents fall to name a few. One or several of these issues may lead to the failure to pay that favorable first mortgage.

To protect its investment and to salvage the house, the NHC establishes a Limited

Liability Company to take ownership and control of the house. Often it's a diving catch. To date, our LLCs have proven 100 percent effective in recovering troubled properties that would have otherwise been lost in foreclosure or other sale.

The LLCs are structured to allow our staff to provide or contract the services to operate and manage the property. This frees up volunteers to engage in the chapter programming and volunteer support for which they are best suited. The LLC form frees them from or assists them with the property management burden. We are using our volunteers where they best serve.

The costs of the LLC and its related management are paid by the participants and not by the Grand Chapter.

Objective—The NHC is helping AVCs raise alumni equity, borrow competitively, and manage effectively so that we can build and operate safe and attractive Residential Learning Communities for our brothers. The NHC believes the RLC is the standard for SigEp housing.

CIF: Helping Chapters Save for Major Renovations

The Chapter Investment Fund (CIF) was established by the Grand Chapter in 1959 to provide a means for savings for future housing needs of Sigma Phi Epsilon chapters. Since its first deposits were received in 1960, the value of the fund stands at \$8.9 million today.

Each undergraduate chapter has an account in the Chapter Investment Fund and is required (in accordance with the bylaws) to

deposit annually an amount equal to \$20 per member in the chapter as of March 1 each year. A chapter's deposit is used to purchase shares in the fund at market value. The quarterly earnings are reinvested for all chapters based on the number of CIF shares owned. Each chapter, through its Alumni & Volunteer Corporation, receives a quarterly report of its earnings and the current value of its deposits based on the market value.

"These buildings house our boys from one to four years, at one of the most important periods of their life; and the fraternity endeavors to make house life as attractive as possible to the undergraduate as can be possibly done."

—Founder William L. Philips, Richmond 1903.
Quote originally appeared in the September 1929 issue of *The Journal*.

Residential Learning Community (RLC)—SigEp chapter that has a Faculty Fellow providing personal and academic development to the men. The culture of an RLC is different from other chapters. Some properties have an office for Faculty Fellows.

As you can see, the NHC has a solid Board of Trustees working to raise the SigEp standard of living. Shawn McKenna, Jon Kucera, Ken Maddox, Jay Hurt, Clark Byrum, and Craig Templeton each have solid experience in fraternity housing. Individually, they provide advice to specific AVCs. Collectively through the NHC, we provide the tools AVCs need to attack their unique housing challenges. The NHC targets 10 to 15 housing solutions per year. By 2011, we'll have touched 100 different chapters, moving them to provide safe and attractive housing and the most competitive Residential Learning Community on campus.

Fraternally,

Bert J. Harris, III
President, National Housing Corporation

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Future of Fraternity Housing: RLC-The Residential Learning Community

BY BAYARD V. GENNERT,
Case Western Reserve '02



Illinois Chapter House • RLC

If you have been on a college campus in recent times or even remotely connected to academe, you have heard the phrase, "Learning takes place outside the classroom." In the Sigma Phi Epsilon Residential Learning Community (RLC), that "outside the classroom learning" is inside the walls of a select few SigEp houses. Not in the sense of "I-learned-a-little-bit-about-leadership" either. No, it is a full blown experience in a different culture with promising results. In fact, we believe it is the future of campus housing. How? Why?

There are four parts of an RLC, and when these four parts are present, the results are quite impressive. They are Faculty Fellow, personal & academic development, facility/learning environment, and network of support. So, what are these parts besides a bunch of fancy words?

1. Faculty Fellows— The Biggest Part of the Equation

Most chapters have a Faculty Advisor, right? In a lot of instances, the Faculty Advisor was a name, someone who signed paperwork and maybe, just maybe, taught SigEps in their classes. The point is—all too often the interaction was limited at best. This is a huge opportunity missed. With the RLC, the Faculty Fellow is a more hands-on volunteer, someone with a job description that includes:

- Holding weekly office hours in the chapter facility.
- Attending chapter meetings to emphasize academics and stay current with events and long-range plans for the Fraternity.
- Sharing meals with chapter members on a regular basis.
- Addressing academic concerns of the men.
- Sharing knowledge of campus resources and academic policies.

High student enrollment coupled with a limited amount of faculty means students and faculty cannot form a mentoring relationship in the classroom. It has to happen on the outside. With an engaged Faculty Fellow, our SigEps are suddenly plugged in with a member of the faculty. Every week there is some interaction. Even if the brothers don't have the same major as the Faculty Fellow, the relationship is still valid. Faculty Fellows open doors on campus by getting our men in touch with the right people, providing SigEps with a resource they would not have otherwise known about. This leads to...

2. Personal & Academic Development

At Iowa State University, Dr. Yvonne Gentzler is a huge resource for the men of the Iowa Beta Chapter. According to **Ryan M. Pirtle, '06**, "Our Faculty Fellow has provided our members with an invaluable

service by providing new ideas for our chapter, classes for our members and advice and tips for academic success."

Faculty Fellows take an interest in each SigEp and help him reach his goals. The value of his degree is enhanced because of his relationship with a Faculty Fellow.



Iowa State Chapter House

Copying Genius

The residential college concept comes from the Universities of Cambridge and Oxford, where faculty and staff live among undergraduates. It has been adopted on many campuses nationwide to create smaller, more intimate communities for students involving faculty members. These faculty members mentor students as live-in advisors.

One of the major predictors of a student's success in college is the quality and level of student/faculty interaction. Spending time with faculty outside of the traditional classroom makes a significant difference in the lives of college students. With this philosophy in mind—that students benefit from the presence of a faculty member who takes an active interest in their lives—the Faculty Fellow is a key to the Residential Learning Community.



Dr. Glenn Linden, Professor of History at Southern Methodist University. He is one of two Faculty Fellows for the Texas Upsilon Chapter and holds weekly office hours in the SigEp house.

Today there are 34 RLCs and their combined GPA is a 3.07 versus the all-fraternity GPA of a 2.91.

3. Facility/Learning—Adios Flophouse

The chapter house is a different place when a Faculty Fellow has an office. Members take care to make sure the public areas of the chapter house are immaculate. Some Faculty Fellows have their office hours in the fraternity house. That means students from all across campus go to a SigEp house for academic advising. This alone changes perceptions people have about Sigma Phi Epsilon. Some chapters even go so far as to recruit men based on recommendations from their Faculty Fellow. And why not? The overall standard of living is higher, the expectations are higher and the caliber of men attracted to fraternity is higher.

RLC at Valparaiso



Left to right: Valparaiso SigEps Kevin R. Hurt, '05; Thomas M. Schmidt, '05; Adam M. King, '06; and Eric W. Funke, '04



Valparaiso's RLC plaque

Professor Mark Farmer, of the Valparaiso Classics Department, gives a presentation on Greek art and the thought behind it. He also expanded to applications of Greek thought today. This was one of several dinner lectures the chapter has each semester.

4. Network of Support—"It Takes a Village..."

...to raise a child." While our chapters are not children, the metaphor is true for an RLC. It takes a partnership with numerous groups—the university, AVC, Headquarters, Educational Foundation, and undergraduates to ensure the RLC is successful. This is because an RLC chapter is held to a higher standard. Academics are higher and the culture is different. RLC status is not gained overnight. There is an accreditation process and, once accredited, an RLC must recertify every five years. A chapter accredited as a Residential Learning Community is eligible to receive a five percent liability insurance discount each year.

What is a Faculty Fellow?

A Faculty Fellow is a member of university faculty or academic support staff who mentors and advises students. A Faculty Fellow does not have to be a member of a fraternity or sorority. Working alongside chapter officers and the alumni and volunteer leaders, Faculty Fellows play a critical role in the personal and academic development of members and the development of the Fraternity as a whole. The Faculty Fellow is not meant to replace assigned undergraduate academic advisors. Here are examples of Faculty Fellow activities.

- Teaching a class or seminar in the Residential Learning Community and encouraging other faculty to do the same.
- Promoting student/faculty interaction through cultural and educational programming, such as debates, "fireside chats," and guest speakers.
- Meeting with the chapter officers to review the chapter's academic progress, standards, and incentives.
- Bringing other faculty members and administrators to the chapter facility for informal interaction with the chapter.
- Identifying students who are at risk academically and suggesting proactive measures.
- Writing recommendations for students.

For more information about the RLC, contact Bayard Gennert at bayard.gennert@sigep.net.

Georgia Tech SigEps transform a bar



This bar used to be located in the Georgia Tech chapter house.



During the spring semester several brothers helped remove the bar and replaced it with a computer lab.



Today, there is a conference table, three computers and Internet access in the room.

Ninety percent of all Rhodes Scholars cited a relationship with a faculty member as their primary reason for success.

SigEp Housing • 2004

Housing Trends: A look at the facts

BY ANDREW PITTS,
Treanor Architects, P.A.

Greek Housing cannot afford to ignore the market which surrounds it. The student housing market is seeing significant trend changes due to demographics and technological advances. With these changes in front of us, it is imperative to stay current, fiscally savvy and on top of the game.

Take a look at the facts:

- The U.S. Department of Education reports an anticipated 15.6 million students will be enrolled this year.
- Over \$1.5 billion was spent in 2002 on new construction or renovations of on-campus housing.
- Universities and colleges are spending, on average, \$6 million on new facilities.¹
- In order for Greek organizations to spend comparable dollars, they would need to spend over \$35,000 per member on the facilities.

Your Competition

With the influx of students and the desire for more on-campus housing, universities and colleges have undertaken major construction projects on their residence halls. Schools have begun to realize that their current facilities do not meet the needs of today's students. Additionally,

many off campus apartment complexes are taking advantage of this opportunity. These facilities target the student population with full service complexes which provide a variety of living arrangements.

What do students want?

The most popular living layout to provide a sense of privacy is the suite layout- a separate study/living and sleeping area. The study/living areas provide a "home like" living room for the students. This area is used for studying, recreation, and socializing. These areas should be large enough to accommodate the furniture needs, storage needs, and technology needs and flexible enough so the students can make it their own. The sleeping room does not need to be a generous sized

room. Again, it is the sense of privacy that is the issue, not the size of the room.

Current State of Greek Houses

Even though we may have great curb appeal and the interior of our house looks well kept, we are not meeting the growing needs of today's students and lack the amenities students desire. Additionally, a large section of the Greek community is fighting growing deferred maintenance, building code violations, and fire and life safety deficiencies. Plumbing



Pool Room, Texas-Austin

Life Safety Improvements:

Another trend is the installation of fire sprinkler systems. On average there are over 140 "reported" fires in Greek houses. The National Fire Protection

Illinois Institute of Technology

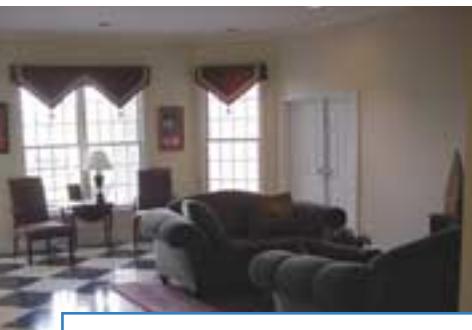


Illinois Institute of Technology is the host institution of the Illinois Beta Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon. In July of 2000, the school underwent the ambitious construction of an 110,000 square foot new campus center. One of its more unique and functional amenities is the metal "tube," an existing train stop connected to the top of the McCormick Tribune Campus Center. The center opened in September of 2003 and cost \$48 million.

hear that XYZ house was broken into and thousands of dollars of items have been stolen. How do we prevent this? Again, it is the sense of security. If a facility looks secure then it is perceived as secure. Facilities need to control the landscape against the house (trim the bushes around the windows) and improve/replace the lighting around the facility (replace those broken light bulbs).

Electrical requirements are of critical concern as well. On average, a student brings over 15 items to plug-in. Facilities should be provided with an abundance of receptacles, adequate primary service, and room for expansion. Plumbing

Association estimates that two thirds of fires go unreported. Sprinklers typically reduce the risk of a fire fatality and reduce the average property loss by one-half to two-thirds.² Greek houses also are typically of older construction (many date from the 1920s), and most have wide, open staircases. Like other houses, these usually are lacking in fire-rated construction, self-closing corridor doors, and have sleeping areas that are not separated from public rooms.³



Formal Room, Mississippi State

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The not so secret weapon: Parents

BY SHAWN MCKENNA,
Maine '77

I have been involved with SigEp housing for almost 25 years, first as a member of the SigEp staff and then as a long-tenured National Housing Corporation (NHC) Trustee. In addition, I have served as a member of six different Alumni and Volunteer Corporations (AVCs). In my day, I have seen many different set-ups and situations. Some of them have been successful and some have not.

However, in the last three years, I have had two unique experiences. The first is that I have become reinvolved with my own chapter at the University of Maine as a member of its AVC. The second is that my oldest son, Ryan, (**Ryan M. McKenna, Purdue '03**) became a member of the very strong Indiana Alpha Chapter at Purdue University. I now have experienced Sigma Phi Epsilon from a "parents" vantage point.

Alumnus Perspective

What a thrill it was to participate in the re-charting of my own chapter at the University of Maine. While I was proud of the members, I did not suspect how proud I would be of the volunteers who gathered to guide the chapter. The board that was formed had two/three mainstays from years past who formed the core of the initial board. The membership was rounded out by a couple of Renaissance Brothers (honorary SigEps), two parents of members, and a wonderful Faculty Advisor. I was curious to see how this would work but, without a doubt, it is the best AVC experience I have engaged in. The diversity of this board and the unique perspectives of the non-members have helped the Maine Alpha Chapter become what it is today (recently received its first Buchanan Cup) and it is consistently Chapter of the Year at Maine.

I saw two parents, Mr. Rodrique and Mr. Barter, step up significantly and inject the overall board with energy and a sense of responsibility as their sons were live-in members of the house. In many ways, their presence helped transform the Maine Alpha experience from living in a "house" to living in a "home." That cultural shift is significant and again one of the "not so secret weapons" of success for our chapters. However, you don't need a

house to establish the "home vs. house" mentality. Parents involved on the board or through parents clubs do make a positive difference. SigEp would be a better experience unequivocally if each chapter had a parents club and/or parents on the AVC.

Dad's Perspective

While I was always concerned with life safety issues and how the chapter house was maintained, I was now very tuned in to the place my son was about to live for the better part of three years. I will say that the Alumni & Volunteer Corporations for the Indiana Alpha Chapter acted as solid landlords and stewards of my son's experience. I understand they are about to make a significant commitment to the facility as they approach their 100th anniversary. This experience as a parent of a SigEp recently allowed me to leverage my thoughts at a meeting (not Maine or Purdue)

of another chapter. When the undergraduate President asked me what I thought about the chapter, I said, "You are a collection of outstanding individuals who, for some reason, when put together live like slobs." I liked this group very much and was approaching them more as a parent vs. a National Housing Corporation Trustee. Parents say these things and get away with it because undergraduates know that parents are sincere and do care about where their sons live.



Iowa State's Mom McKone, from the February 1960 Journal

Parents can be the secret weapon in making Sigma Phi Epsilon the best fraternity experience on each individual campus. I hope more AVCS pursue this direction and help us transform SigEp chapters around the country from "houses to homes."

University of Illinois Parents Association

BY VANCE L. FRALEY,
Illinois '56

The Parents Association started a few years ago when a parent at the school's Mother's Day asked what parents could do for the chapter. Since I had two daughters in sororities at Illinois, I told them about parents groups at these chapters. The parents decided they wanted to start one at Illinois Alpha. It has continued ever since.

The Parents Association meets twice a year—for Dad's Day in the fall and Mother's Day in the spring. They have their own set of officers and even have their own bank accounts. Susan Holmer is the president, and she is Eric's mother (**Eric J. Holmer, '06**). To raise money, they charge dues (\$25 per year) and have an auction in the fall and spring.

Usually, the parents use funds for things the undergraduates request—rugs, chairs, end tables, etc. This year, the funds are to provide for a built-in charcoal grill on the front porch.

During the summer, the parents have organized some clean-up weekends, which include painting, minor repairs, and yard work. Members of the AVC join in these weekends, and they contribute to a lot of closeness between the parents, undergraduates, and alumni. During the school year, we have officers of the Parents Association attend our AVC meetings. They only attend once or twice a year and are more like honorary members of the AVC. We like having the viewpoint of a parent to assist us in our meetings. We highly recommend that each chapter consider having one of these groups.

Technology

Organizations are providing data connections throughout the facilities: individual living area, small and large group study rooms, library, and computer/technology rooms. They are providing a central network, Internet service, and access to the university's computer system. On average, an individual living suite should be provided with one data connection per occupant, i.e., four person suites equals four data connections.

Where Do We Go From Here?

We might ask ourselves, "Are our facilities really that lacking? Do we really need all of these amenities?" However, keep in mind that your competition is providing these amenities...or soon will. While some houses may be hesitating to make these changes, other houses across the nation have begun to address some of these issues: over \$70 million has been spent in the last 10 years on new facilities or renovations.⁴

How does your facility compare? Do you stack up to the competition? Are you losing upper classmen to apartments? Organizations need to address these issues and many more as they look toward the future of housing in the Greek community.

Andrew Pitts an Architect with Treanor Architects, P.A. has worked with numerous Greek Organizations, presented at national conferences, and specializes in Greek and Student Housing. "With these answers and the assistance of a design professional, an organization can begin to evaluate its options and costs."

1 College Planning and Management, 2002 Construction Report, February 2002
2 NFPA Fact Sheet, November 2001
3 The Dormitory and Fraternity House Fire Problem, Mark Bromann, Flex Fire Protection Design, April 2000
4 Patrick Alderdice, President, Pennington and Company, Lawrence, Kansas



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North Texas Expands New Chapter House

BY E. SCOTT THOMPSON II,
Southern Mississippi '99

Since 1952, the Texas Beta Chapter at the University of North Texas has produced many proud SigEps. It was the first fraternity founded on campus, and more than 1,200 SigEps have worn the golden heart close to their chest. Like many chapters, Texas Beta has had its share of different houses in the early years of its existence. There was the standard for that era some 50 years ago (the property on Maple Street)—no air conditioning, limited space, etc., and the house at 604 Avenue C, the largest and finest fraternity house on campus at the time.

In 2002, things changed as the university purchased the Texas Beta property on Avenue C and razed the chapter house. Today it is a scenic courtyard, part of an expanding campus with 30,000 students. Alumni gathered a little over a year ago to say farewell to the property and to immediately launch a fund-raising campaign in order to raise money to build a new house on a prime piece of property secured in the new Greek Row. Members of the fund-raising committee are **W. Clifford Price, '88**, Alumni & Volunteer Corporation (AVC) President; **Jay F. Lombardo, '85**, Fund-raising Chairman; **W. Russell Williams, '91**, Housing Design; **Dana Key, '89**, Website Support; **Mario Perez, '87**, Organizational Support; **Bill D. Harvey, '58**, and **William J. Quinn, '87**, both members of the AVC. **G. Michael Moon, '77**, is a consultant for the committee. **Frank N. Martino, Texas '49**, actively involved with Texas Beta for over 50 years, also advised the committee. Over the past two years, this group has led the way to build a state-of-the-art facility that will help solidify the chapter for generations to come.

As the fund-raising efforts intensify and broaden, the AVC takes pride in the considerable progress made over the past two years. For example:

- A choice piece of land on Fraternity Row has been secured;
- The AVC has no debt, some \$60,000 in savings and received \$350,000 in pledges;
- Fraternity house plans are drawn for a beautiful 12,000 square foot mansion designed as a Residential Learning Community, housing 25 brothers;
- The AVC successfully negotiated the permitting process, construction documents, licenses, etc., and all of these necessary expenses, including the architect's fees, have been paid;
- The chapter has virtually no accounts payable or receivable;
- The chapter stabilized its operations, increased manpower and GPA to the highest on campus;
- Communications between the AVC, chapter and Texas Beta alumni are excellent and have become a standard by which other UNT fraternities judge their efforts.

A key reason these successes occurred is very simple: the dedicated leadership of the AVC and the fund-raising committee. These men, plus an excellent undergraduate chapter, have



made the critical difference in achieving the success to-date. This solid foundation will enable the fund-raising effort to expand and to achieve the success needed.

Important to the successful completion of the \$1.2 million campaign, Omega Financial, Inc., of Columbus, Georgia, has been retained to conduct a comprehensive feasibility and planning study for Texas Beta. Omega serves the fraternity and sorority community nationwide on a variety of fronts, including a successful campaign for the SigEp chapter at Miami, Ohio, recently completed.

(Editor's Note: At the time of the Miami University campaign, the campaign management company was Ron Rietdorf & Associates, Knoxville, Tennessee. It has since merged with Omega Financial, Inc.)

Look for a future update in an upcoming issue of *The Journal*.

BY THE NUMBERS

Chartered: 1952

GPA: 2.62

Buchanan Cup Won: '63

Total Lifetime Members: 1,258

Current Membership: 46

Trustees of the National Housing Corporation

Bert J. Harris, III, Florida '74

Bert Harris is an alumnus of the Florida Alpha Chapter. After graduating, Brother Harris went on to graduate from Florida State University's law school. He is currently a partner in a private practice in Lake Placid, Florida, where he also resides and is involved in the citrus industry.

Kenneth S. Maddox, Oregon State '75

Ken Maddox is an alumnus of the Oregon Alpha Chap-

ter. During his term on the SigEp Headquarters staff, Ken served in several roles, including Executive Director. He is currently the Operations Manager for Vege North American in San Diego, California, which is one of the world's largest automotive engine re-manufacturers.

Craig D. Templeton, Kansas '81

Craig Templeton is an alumnus of the Kansas Gamma Chapter, and graduated in 1981 from the University of Kansas. Having served in

several roles on the SigEp Headquarters staff, Craig is now Executive Director.

Clark H. Byrum, Sr., Indiana '57

After receiving his business degree from Indiana University in 1957, Clark Byrum went on to found The Key Corporation, an insurance, banking, and real estate holding company based in Indianapolis, Indiana. Clark also served on the SigEp National Board of Directors from 1997 until 2001.

Shawn McKenna, Maine '77

Graduating in 1977 from the University of Maine, Shawn McKenna has worked for the SigEp Headquarters Staff in several different roles, including the Director of Housing. Currently living in Falmouth, Maine, Shawn is the President of Starlite Diners, an international, American diner-themed restaurant.

Arthur J. Hurt, III, Davidson '88

Jay Hurt graduated from Davidson College in 1988, and has served the Fraternity in many capacities, which include the National Board

of Directors and the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation. Jay is the President of The Hurt Company in Houston, Texas, a family-owned oil company. Jay also owns a real estate holding company in Houston.

Jonathan J. Kucera, Virginia '69

Jon Kucera received his undergraduate degree in architecture from the University of Virginia in 1969. Living in Midlothian, Virginia, Jon is the principal architect for Cornerstone Architects of Richmond, Virginia.

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Building a Lodge: How Davis & Elkins Used CIF

BY GENE SCHURG,
Davis & Elkins '77

In 1971, Davis & Elkins College added student housing in an attempt to pull the entire student body on campus. At that time, the West Virginia Delta Chapter enjoyed a beautiful fraternity house in downtown Elkins. Under pressure from the college, the chapter sold the house in 1972 and moved into Darby Hall, home to SigEps for the next 25 years.

With the proceeds from the sale of the house, combined with the annual contributions to the Chapter Investment Fund (CIF), the Alumni & Volunteer Corporation (AVC) managed to grow the savings for this chapter to over \$400,000. During those years in Darby Hall, the challenge to the AVC was always the same. The alumni volunteers understood the situation but always believed that some day West Virginia Delta would have a home of its own.

In the late 1990s, Davis & Elkins College moved the chapter from its home for 25 years to the other side of campus in another dormitory.

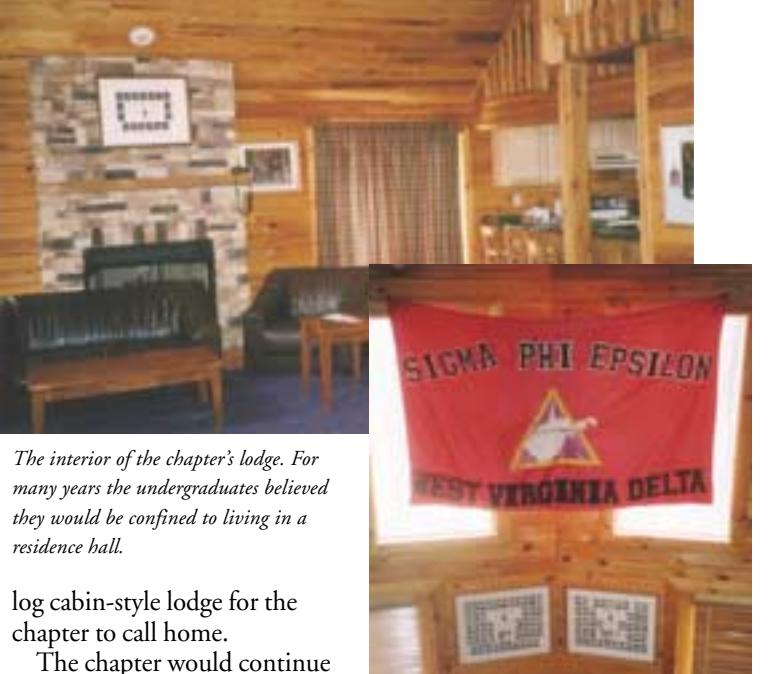
"We live in a dorm and will never be able to purchase a house."

During the college's 1998 Alumni Weekend, the undergraduate leadership met with several chapter alumni and

made the case for housing for the West Virginia Delta Chapter.

Knut J. Aarsand, '61, and William E. Hancock, '60, recalled the days when they shared brotherhood ac-

tivities in the fraternity house. Aarsand contacted Headquarters and determined the equity had grown to \$415,000. These lifelong friends and business partners then met with the president of the college two months later and were able to secure a small parcel of land on campus that would permit a



The interior of the chapter's lodge. For many years the undergraduates believed they would be confined to living in a residence hall.

log cabin-style lodge for the chapter to call home.

The chapter would continue to live in the dormitory, but less than 50 yards away would be the meeting room, kitchen, and recreation room for the chapter's enjoyment. In return, the alumni proposed to support the college by making an annual \$5,000 scholarship grant to five incoming freshmen who met the Balanced Man Ideal of building a Sound Mind in a Sound Body, regardless of whether or not they joined a fraternity.

The foresight of alumni who managed the money along with the new energy from the alumni who had the vision for a lodge came together at the right time in history for this chapter. About \$160,000 was

used to construct the lodge and the interest from the remaining funds was dedicated to maintenance of the facility, support of the chapter, and the five annual scholarships.

Today, our West Virginia Delta Chapter enjoys a beautiful lodge perched over a wooded valley on the Davis & Elkins campus. Fifty years of composites fill the chapter house with pictures of the men who experienced brotherhood on this small campus. The West Virginia Delta lodge is a monument to the lifetime friendships made possible by Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Cincinnati Housing Tips

The Ohio Theta Chapter at the University of Cincinnati has the nicest property on campus. It is also the best managed facility. Here are some tips from Alumni & Volunteer Corporations (AVC) President John A. Abraham, '74.

- **Control the Entries**—All doors have an entry system accessible only to members with pass codes changed at least two times each year.
- **Obey the Master**—All rooms in the house are linked to a

master key. Kicking in doors is the second most stupid thing that happens in fraternity houses.

- **Mail-free Foyer**—The entryway establishes a great first impression, and the mailroom is not kept there.
- **Watch Well Thy Supplies**—Cleaning supplies are locked in a storage closet. This prevents individuals from "borrowing" resources from the chapter house.
- **Who's in Charge Here?** The House Manager is in charge of the home's upkeep. He coordi-

nates cleaning times for everyone living in the chapter house.

- **Just Like the NFL**—Brothers living in the chapter house agree not to abuse substances. Once each quarter, three men are randomly selected for a drug test.
- **It Makes Sense**—Chapter financial records are kept on a chapter-owned computer, not on someone's personal computer. All transactions are reviewed at monthly AVC meetings.



The library and meeting room of the Ohio Theta Chapter at the University of Cincinnati. See page 17 for a picture of the outside of the chapter house.

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Using Smart Finances will Improve Living in the Chapter House

BY CLARK H. BYRUM, SR.,
Indiana '57

A number of Alumni & Volunteer Corporations struggle with the same issues when it comes to the financial side of managing the chapter property. Typical questions that arise: How much should be charged to live in the property? How much should be saved? Where should the savings go?

The easiest formula to determine how much to charge and how much to save is:

- Know the value of your property;
- Know the rates that residence halls, apartments, other fraternities and sororities, and competing student housing are charging;
- Charge enough money to account for depreciation plus other normal operating expenses AND to keep you in the same range as competing housing. Putting together a budget around these two numbers and putting all of the savings back into upgrading the property are pretty straightforward. However, my experiences in fraternity housing have been less simplistic.

Not in My Home

One problem with property management is the property is not seen as an investment. There is little or no "pride of ownership," which leads to many problems over time. By pride of ownership, I mean it is vital the undergraduates and AVC view the property as if they owned the facility, like it was their own home. Chances are they would not let their own home fall into disrepair by not investing in scheduled maintenance. If they rented one of their own rooms out, chances are they wouldn't tolerate not collecting rent or any blatant damage to the property.

Without this attitude, shoddy maintenance practices are used and the facility is usually rented at a discount just to get students to live in. Scheduled

maintenance is last on the list of priorities. No money is set aside for long-term maintenance, and what happens when the pipes suddenly burst on the third floor? The AVC either takes out a loan to "patch things up" or possibly there is someone in the chapter who can rig plumbing repairs until the AVC can get that loan.

And we wonder why no one wants to pay anything more than half of the average cost to live in the fraternity house. If you think of all the intangible benefits you get, bonding with your brothers, learning outside of the classroom, etc., it should be an easy sell to live in the fraternity house. As it turns out, it isn't. So we begin to think in the short term...let's charge less money to get people to move in and hope those pipes don't burst again this winter.

An Eye to the Future

So where do you begin? How do you turn things around? Going back to our simple formula above, the AVC should have a budget for the upcoming year by the end of January. Undergraduates should see how much they will need to pay to live in the house for the next year. On this budget, every line item should be broken down and make sense. No more miscellaneous items. Be prepared to defend the budget. Helping your undergraduate brothers understand why the rates are set and where the money goes is a very positive thing.

Audits should be performed each year to help catch and fix errors quickly. Savings must be one of the line items in the budget! There is no other way to prepare for the massive renovations (not to mention those third floor pipes) that WILL be necessary over a 30-year period. Have a business plan—thinking five to 10 years out is not enough.

The property will endure wear and tear so depreciation must be taken into consideration. If a property is worth one million dollars, then divide that worth by 27.5 years (think of this number as an industry standard). The resulting

\$36,364 should be added to expenses each year for depreciation. Let's say in 10 years the facility needs a new roof. If that \$36,364 has been set aside every year in a separate holding account, there



Located in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, 440 New Castle Street is home to the Pennsylvania Lambda Chapter at Westminster College.

will be \$363,640 ready to be used for that purpose. This money helps improve the facility for future generations of brothers.

At the end of the day, the root for a lot of these issues is a lack of holding each other accountable. Some brothers won't live in the chapter house, and this kind of behavior is tolerated. Some brothers damage the property and won't own up to it. Some AVCs don't charge the right rates or have house rules. After all, this is just a fraternity house, right? Again, no pride of ownership. In these instances, you have to remember that the Fraternity existed before you, and the only way it will be there for others is the decisions you make. Choose wisely.

Other tips for property management:

- Know your operating expenses.
- Have a line item in your budget for savings.
- Have a line item in your budget for depreciation.
- Push for 100 percent occupancy. Even if the break-even point is 80 percent occupancy, the extra revenue can improve living conditions or pay down debt.
- Have signed leases by February, prior to the next academic year.
- Each tenant should pay a damage deposit at least equal to one month's rent. The damage deposits should be held in a separate account and returned over the summer upon completion of repairs to the facility. Do not return damage deposits at any point during the academic year.

Attention Alumni & Volunteer Corporations (AVCs):
Starting with the fall issue, the back cover of *The Journal* will be available, at no cost, to highlight the public phase of a capital housing campaign. AVCs working with National Housing Corporation (NHC) approved fundraising companies are eligible for this opportunity. The Journal is mailed to all alumni with good addresses and the back cover will contain information pertaining to the campaign. Contact Ryan Jacobsen at r.jacobsen@sigep.net for more information.

Ranking Chapters by 13 Criteria

See which Chapter dominates the Chapter Rankings in each Athletic Conference...

INFORMATION COMPILED BY E. SCOTT THOMPSON, II, Southern Mississippi '99, AND BAYARD V. GENNERT, Case Western Reserve '02

It's been said that competition brings out the best. So *The Journal* created its chapter rankings as a way to inspire a friendly rivalry between chapters. In setting out to create the rankings, our inspiration came in the form of the NCAA. This chapter rankings takes all SigEp chapters and separates each into its individual athletic conferences. Then by compiling all the data on each chapter applied to a simple formula, we rank from the highest score to the lowest. The results may surprise you. A lot of the information is supplied to us by you. If your chapter wins its campus intramural championship, but does not report it, your chapter does not get credit. E-mail scott.thompson@sigep.net to report any information that is missing. In the winter issue we'll run a list of chapters that have changed their position within a conference.

"We know what we are, but know not what we may be."

—Shakespeare

The formula used:

Column A is the total number of lifetime members for a chapter. Column B is the number of years the chapter has been operating. Column C is the division of Column A by Column B. The resulting number is the base number and the rest of the columns are added to the base to reach the total. For example, Yale has a total of 51 lifetime members and has been operating for more than one year—51 divided by one equals 51, the base number for Yale. Column D is the total number of Buchanan Cups won by the chapter. The University of Nebraska has won 14 Buchanan Cups, and the weight for a Buchanan Cups is one. Nebraska then adds 14 points to its base number. Columns E through N are criteria that is weighted two points. For example if a chapter has a Student Body President for the current academic year, it adds two points to its base. The Total column is listed last and shows how many points a chapter has received.

Criteria/Weight Key:

Description	Weight
A Lifetime Members	0
B Years as a Chapter	0
C Lifetime Members divided by the years as a chapter	1
D Buchanan Cup	1
E Chapter of the Year	2
F Student Body President	2
G Interfraternity Council President	2
H Chapter was in the Phi Beta Kappa Whehouse for the Fall of 2002	2
I Chapter ranked number one in GPA for the Fall of 2002	2
J Chapter was in the Phi Beta Kappa Whehouse for the Spring of 2003	2
K Chapter ranked number one in GPA for the Spring of 2003	2
L Chapter ranked number one in intramural championships	2
M Number of Varsity Athletes in the chapter	2
N Number of different Varsity Sports represented	0

Where is My Chapter?

There are some conferences with only one SigEp chapter, and obviously not much of a competition exists. To create that drive, conferences with less than three chapters were combined into one of 11 regional SigEp Leagues. If your chapter is located in the Northeast, then you will find its ranking in the SigEp League Northeast. Turn the page and see where your chapter ranks!

Academics:

Recruit men with a 3.0 GPA or higher. Raise your recruitment standard by steady increments until you reach that GPA.



MIT Chapter House

Criteria	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	Total
America East															
Maine	958	50	19	1											24
New Hampshire	439	19	23												23
Drexel	91	5	18												20
Vermont	974	50	19												19
Northeastern	156	12	13												13
Atlantic 10															
Rhode Island	771	32	24	1											25
St. Josephs	366	15	24												24
Richmond	1452	99	15	1											24
Dayton	236	12	20												22
LaSalle	205	12	17	1											20
Massachusetts	1545	91	17	2											19
George Washington	1014	87	12	2											16
Temple	814	65	13												13
Atlantic Coast															
Florida State	1640	53	31	2											33
Miami	903	48	19	2											31
Virginia Tech	872	33	26	4											30
Clemson	866	33	26	2											28
Duke	1158	82	14	2											24
Maryland	888	50	18												20
North Carolina State	1629	99	16	2											18
North Carolina	1227	75	16	2											18
Georgia Tech	1502	96	16	1											17
Virginia	1391	96	14												14
Atlantic Sun															
Central Florida	865	18	48	1											57
Stetson	856	25	34	6											40
Florida Atlantic	211	7	30												32
Jacksonville State	276	13	21												23
Jacksonville	586	36	16	1											17
Samford	171	12	14												14
Big 12															
Texas Tech	1141	30	38	4											42
Texas-Austin	2410	73	33	6											41
Nebraska	2229	92	24	14											40
Oklahoma	1656	57	29	5											40
Texas A&M	985	31	32	2											36
Baylor	722	27	27												31
Kansas State	1823	86	21	4											25
Kansas	1772	80	22	3											25
Iowa State	1626	87	19	5											24
Missouri-Columbia	1722	89	19	2											23
Oklahoma State	1838	83	22												22
Colorado	1772	93	19												19
Big East															
Rutgers	1223	60	20	3											33
Connecticut	984	41	24	4											28
West Virginia	1881	101	19	4											25
Syracuse	1633	95	17	2											19
St. Johns	266	14	19												19
Seton Hall	433	33	13	1											14
Pittsburgh	484	100	5												5

Criteria/Weight Key: **A**=Lifetime Members/0 • **B**=Years as a Chapter/0 • **C**=Lifetime Members divided by the years as a chapter/1 • **D**=Buchanan Cup/1 • **E**=Chapter of the Year/2 • **F**=Student Body President/2 • **G**=Interfraternity Council President/2 • **H**=Chapter was in the Phi Beta Kappa Wheehouse for the Fall of 2002/2 • **I**=Chapter ranked number one in GPA for the Fall of 2002/2 • **J**=Chapter was in the Phi Beta Kappa Wheehouse for the Spring of 2003/2 • **K**=Chapter ranked number one in GPA for the Spring of 2002/2 • **L**=Chapter ranked number one in intramural championships/2 • **M**=Number of Varsity Athletes in the chapter/2 • **N**=Number of different Varsity Sports represented/0



Central Arkansas Chapter House

TIP FOR
SUCCESS

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Athletics:

Recruit Varsity Athletes in different sports



Criteria	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	Total
Big Sky															
Eastern Washington	249	12	21	1					1		1				26
Cal State-Northridge	315	14	23	1											24
Montana	1319	86	15	4					1		1				23
Sacramento State	842	40	21	1											22
Northern Arizona	397	26	15												15
Montana State	379	26	15												15
Big Ten															
Northwestern	362	13	28	2					1		1				34
Purdue	2391	99	24	5								2	1		33
Illinois	1809	93	19	2	1				1		1				27
Michigan	1796	86	21						1		1				25
Ohio State	1656	92	18	3							1				23
Michigan State	817	37	22												22
Iowa	1531	86	18	3											21
Wisconsin	1358	83	16	2								1	1		20
Minnesota	880	59	15	5											20
Pennsylvania State	1453	88	17	2											19
Big West															
California-Riverside	43	1	43			1									43
California-Irvine	198	6	33												37
California State-Fullerton	161	6	27		1										29
California-Santa Barbara	1080	51	21												22
Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo	287	13	22												22
Long Beach State	477	24	20										1	1	22
Utah State	1005	62	16												16
Idaho	51	16	3						1						5
California Collegiate															
Cal Poly-Pomona	573	23	25	2											27
California-San Diego	347	16	22	2											24
Cal State San Bernardino	196	9	22												22
California-Davis	664	34	20												20
Centennial															
Muhlenberg	1214	65	19		2			1			1				23
Johns Hopkins	1150	74	16							1				1	22
McDaniel	305	20	15												15
Colonial Athletic Association															
Delaware	1796	95	19	6											25
George Mason	494	23	21	1											22
James Madison	662	33	20												20
Old Dominion	273	18	15												15
North Carolina-Wilmington	158	13	12												15
William & Mary	1091	99	11	1											12
Conference USA															
Cincinnati	1383	54	26	11									1	1	39
St. Louis U.	343	15	23	2									1	1	33
South Florida	723	29	25	1											30
DePaul	77	3	26												26
Memphis	882	48	18	1											25
Tulane	439	25	18	1											25
Texas Christian	541	27	20											2	24
East Carolina	703	42	17	1											18
Houston	616	35	18												18
Marquette	478	28	17												17
North Carolina-Charlotte	471	29	16												16
Louisville	521	37	14												14
Southern Mississippi	693	50	14												14

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Intramurals:

Set up practices for intramural games. Field numerous teams for each sport and concentrate on the events that will yield the most points. Don't forget the little sports-it is important to play them all.



North Carolina Chapter House

Criteria	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	Total
Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic															
Ferris State	1112	42	26	2									1		30
Northwood	542	25	22	3											25
Michigan Tech	737	38	19	2			1								23
Grand Valley State	431	20	22												22
Great Lakes Valley															
Southern Illinois-Edwardsville	513	31	17												19
Northern Kentucky	163	10	16		2										16
Kentucky Wesleyan	515	44	12												16
IPFW	328	27	12					1							14
Gulf South															
Central Arkansas	532	16	33	1										2	38
Arkansas Tech	578	26	22	4											28
Henderson State	738	49	15	4											19
Ivy Group															
Yale	51	1	51					1						10	6
Dartmouth	1422	83	17	4				1						5	35
Columbia	117	7	17	3				1						3	32
Pennsylvania	1505	100	15	1				1						1	22
Cornell	1367	91	15												15
Mid-America Intercollegiate															
Truman State	719	23	31	3					1					10	2
Central Missouri State	1002	36	28	11											56
Northwest Missouri State	707	23	31	5											39
Pittsburg State	712	30	24	6											36
Missouri-Rolla	1116	56	20	5											30
Washburn	858	53	16	6				1	1						27
Emporia State	1078	53	20	2											26
															22
Mid-American															
Toledo	1276	53	24	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			43
Ball State	1751	51	34	4											42
Miami	1676	54	31	9											40
Bowling Green State	1487	53	28	8											36
Western Michigan	1343	48	28	5											35
Northern Illinois	907	32	28												30
Ohio	639	26	25	5											30
Marshall	1247	56	22	1										3	29
Eastern Michigan	288	14	21												21
Kent State	652	42	16												16
Missouri Valley															
Northern Iowa	317	11	29	5	1			1							46
Creighton	572	17	34	2											38
Illinois State	1146	32	36	1											37
Drake	1089	49	22	1			1	1	1						35
Southwest Missouri State	1145	40	29	1		1									32
Indiana State	1209	49	25	1											28
Evansville	1047	49	21	4											28
Wichita State	921	44	21	3											26
Bradley	1095	55	20	1											21
Mountain West															
Colorado State	2214	88	25	1									1		30
San Diego State	1251	52	24										1		26
Wyoming	445	28	16	1											17
Utah	707	54	13												15
New Mexico	973	74	13	1											14

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Recruitment:

Use the Balanced Man Scholarship to meet men who embody the Balanced Man Ideal. Recruit them outside of the typical "rush week."



Criteria	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	Total	
New England Women's & Men's Athletic																
WPI	1513	65	23	5					1	1	1			2	2	32
Babson	174	8	22	2												30
MIT	924	52	18	8												28
North Central Intercollegiate Athletic																40
North Dakota	265	9	29	3	1					1	1	2	2			24
Nebraska-Omaha	1069	53	20							1	1	1				19
South Dakota State	116	7	17									1	1			
Ohio Athletic																30
Baldwin-Wallace	999	56	18						1			5	3			29
John Carroll	64	3	21						1		1	3	2			20
Ohio Northern	1753	99	18							1						
Ohio Valley																45
Eastern Illinois	421	11	38	3	2				1		1					32
Southeast Missouri State	1218	43	28	1								1	1			28
Tennessee-Martin	208	9	23						1		1					26
Austin Peay State	219	10	22							1						26
Morehead State	670	33	20	1						1						20
Murray State	616	34	18						1							20
Tennessee Tech	429	22	20													20
Pacific-10																43
Oregon State	1894	86	22	17					1	1		1	1			32
Stanford	421	18	23	5												29
Arizona	1339	49	27	2												29
California-Los Angeles	555	19	29													29
Washington	1815	82	22	3					1			1	1			27
Oregon	1585	77	21								1					25
Southern California	1677	76	22								1		1			24
California-Berkeley	1080	79	14									1	1			14
Southeastern																48
Georgia	1044	36	29	3					1	1	1	4	2			44
Florida	2544	79	32	6					1	1	1	1	1			29
Auburn	2084	96	22	7												26
Tennessee	1975	90	22	2							1					21
Mississippi	822	62	13									4	3			20
Mississippi State	1265	65	19	1												20
Arkansas	1667	86	19	1												20
Kentucky	1190	66	18													20
Alabama	1149	76	15													17
Louisiana State	430	29	15													15
South Carolina	1109	99	11	2												13
Southern																52
Davidson	1305	73	18	4					1	1		12	5			29
Western Carolina	547	20	27									1	1			25
Charleston	272	11	25													24
Georgia Southern	531	28	19	1							1		1			21
East Tennessee State	893	49	18	1								1	1			20
Appalachian State	569	28	20													19
North Carolina-Greensboro	385	22	18								1					20
Southland																21
Sam Houston State	843	41	21								1					20
Texas-San Antonio	412	25	16													20
Lamar	930	47	20													19
Louisiana at Monroe	113	6	19													17
Texas-Arlington	540	31	17													

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Campus Involvement:

Get involved as a leader in campus organizations. Take the skills you learn in SigEp and apply them on campus.

Criteria	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	Total
State University of New York Athletic															
SUNY-Oswego	354	15	24	3											27
SUNY-Fredonia	392	23	17	1											18
Buffalo State	358	24	15												15
Sun Belt															
Florida International	569	17	33	4										1	39
North Texas	1258	51	25	1											26
Western Kentucky	591	37	16												16
Middle Tennessee State	406	27	15												15
University Athletic Association															
Case Western Reserve	160	8	20		3				1		1			4	32
Washington U. in St. Louis	1046	54	19		2				1		1			2	30
Carnegie-Mellon	311	16	19						1		1				25
Rochester	309	17	18							1				1	22
Chicago	149	12	12	1						1				2	19
NYU	725	63	12												12
West Coast															
Loyola Marymount	236	7	34	3					1		1			1	43
Pepperdine	181	6	30	2				1	1					1	43
San Diego	129	5	26		1	1								1	32
Western Athletic															
Nevada-Reno	191	7	27	1											28
Southern Methodist	410	18	23		1									1	27
Fresno State	198	8	25												25
Texas-El Paso	78	6	13											1	13
SigEp League															
Northwest															
Alaska-Anchorage	53	2	27						1	1	1	1		2	35
Colorado School of Mines	1308	80	16						1					2	22
Alaska-Fairbanks	102	7	15						1						17
Upper Northeast															
Clarkson	75	3	25	1						1	1	1		6	44
Quinnipiac	29	1	29							1					29
Canisius	412	21	20	5											27
Tufts	369	19	19							1					19
Plymouth State	185	12	15		1					1		1			19
SUNY-Buffalo	768	47	16												17
RPI	1000	65	15												15
Midwest															
Baker	1261	93	14	2					1	1				4	30
Nebraska-Kearney	862	38	23					1						2	23
Missouri-Kansas City	348	26	13												15
Great Lakes East															
Denison	159	6	27	3					1	1	1	1		13	64
Ohio Wesleyan	1294	88	15											3	21
Lawrence Technological	345	32	11	4											17
Detroit	740	47	16	1											17
Wright State	356	30	12												12

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6 Chapter Houses:

Keep your chapter house at full occupancy. Empty beds are a loss of revenue. Revenue that could add up to major improvements over time.



Kansas Chapter House

Criteria	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	Total
Deep South															
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi	163	5	33												33
Loyola	400	20	20	1					1		1				25
Lambuth	413	32	13	2					1		1				23
Angelo State	546	29	19	1					1			2	2		22
Southeast															
Florida Gulf Coast	75	2	38		4				1	1	1			1	40
Huntingdon	320	25	13	4										1	25
Tampa	680	37	18	2								2	1		24
Auburn-Montgomery	441	26	17	1											18
Coastal Carolina	354	24	15												15
Backyard															
Christopher Newport	51	1	51		1									3	51
Davis & Elkins	893	55	16	1										1	23
West Virginia Tech	759	43	18	1										1	21
Barton	606	45	13	1										1	20
Lynchburg	139	7	20												20
Longwood	378	26	15												15
Lower Northeast															
Rider	93	2	47						1	1	1			4	51
Moravian	94	3	31						1	1	1			2	45
Westminster	1271	65	20											11	44
Salisbury	114	3	38												40
Bucknell	1291	57	23	4				1		1				2	35
West Chester	458	24	19	5											24
Susquehanna	279	19	15					1						3	23
Lehigh	1135	91	12	3	1										17
Indiana of Pennsylvania	567	33	17												17
Stevens Tech	829	64	13	3											16
Thiel	854	55	16												16
Great Lakes-West															
Valparaiso	1199	47	26	4					1	1	1			2	40
Monmouth	927	55	17	12					1	1	1			2	37
Tri-State	581	35	17	7											24
IIT	936	55	17	1					1	1	1				20
Indiana Tech	529	40	13	2					1	1	1				19
Wisconsin-Platteville	106	7	15						1	1	1				19
Lawrence	1273	85	15												15

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Be like some of SigEp's best

Now that you've seen how your chapter stacks up to others in your athletic conference, here are a few tips from the top four chapters:

73
Yale

Diversify—Yale recruits varsity athletes in many different sports.

64
Denison

Consistency—Denison has a Buchanan Cup for every year of its existence.

48
Georgia

Persistence—Georgia recruits men every four to six weeks. Last year the chapter added over 30 new men to its ranks.

43
Toledo

Leadership—Toledo has the IFC President, Student Body President, and many other campus leadership positions.

"By believing passionately in something which still does not exist, we create it."

—Nikos Kazantzakis

Chapter News

LIFE ACROSS THE USA

SigEp Reaches 250,000th Lifetime Brother

Sigma Phi Epsilon is proud to announce its 250,000th Lifetime Brother, **Andrew C. Nigro, Delaware '05**. Brother Nigro is from Stanhope, New Jersey, and majoring in Civil Engineering at the University of Delaware. He has a 3.2 GPA and is involved with the Delaware Christian Athletes.

As one of the founding members of SigEp's re-established University of Delaware Sigma Epsilon Chapter (SEC), Brother Nigro was attracted to join SigEp because it offered a different experience.

"I was looking for leadership opportunities and a way to round out my college experience," he said. Brother Nigro is the Vice President of Recruitment and is working to recruit more men who meet our standard of membership. The Delaware Alpha Chapter at the University of Delaware was originally founded in 1907 and closed in 2002.

Sigma Phi Epsilon is the youngest fraternity to reach this milestone behind fraternities that are more than 50 years old.



Andrew C. Nigro, Delaware '05

Illinois Shines at Greek Oscars and Senior 100

Submitted by Randall J. Payleitner, '04

www.uiuc.edu/ro/sigeps

Instead of the red carpet, people attending the Greek Oscars at the University of Illinois remembered the red door of Sigma Phi Epsilon. The Illinois Alpha Chapter is pleased to report that it earned numerous awards for a year of excellence.

The Student Alumni Association and the University of Illinois Alumni Association recognize outstanding seniors through the Senior 100 Honorary. Students from the senior class are selected each year for the honor based on their academic standing and their involvement, initiation and leadership in both campus and community activities. The decision is made placing a high emphasis on activities and academics. Brothers **Zachary A. Pastko, '04**, and **Matthew A. Kessler, '04**, were inducted into the Honorary in April, and **Jeffrey J. Harden, '07**, received honorable mention as the New Member of the Year.

Also of note for Illinois Alpha, SigEp came in second place in the Excellence in New Member Program and Risk Management. The chapter came in first place with awards for Internal Operation and the coveted Chapter of the Year.



Brothers Zachary A. Pastko, '04, and Matthew A. Kessler, '04 are outstanding seniors



Brothers from Ohio Northern University after winning the mud-volleyball for Greek Week.

Southern Methodist Sweeps Greek Awards

Submitted by D. Justin Massimo, '04

www.smusigep.com

For the second year in a row, the Southern Methodist University SigEps won the most awards out of the 10 fraternities on campus. Texas Upsilon earned a total of seven out of 13 Interfraternity Council (IFC) Framework for Change Awards. These awards are presented annually in a variety of categories. An extensive 45-page application was submitted by every fraternity and then reviewed diligently by a panel of university judges. Our SigEp chapter received awards for Outstanding Social Responsibility, Chapter Judicial, Chapter Management, University Relations Award, Scholarship Award, Fraternity Education, and the Overall Fraternity of the Year. The chapter has won these awards every year it was eligible.

Syracuse Seizes Seven

Submitted by Michael Wunderlich, Faculty Fellow

sigep.syr.edu

It was a proud evening for the SigEps at Syracuse. The chapter received more awards than any other fraternity on campus. Among those accolades are the Most Improved Chapter, Excellence in New Member Recruitment, Excellence in Academic Achievement, Outstanding Chapter Mentor, Alpha Omega Finalist for Greek Leadership, Greek Leaders of Tomorrow Award, and Greek Week Winners. SigEp won the Excellence in Academic Achievement by increasing its GPA from a 2.67 in the fall to a 3.3 for the spring.

Two SigEps Receive NIC Award of Distinction

At the annual meeting of the North-American Interfraternity Conference, both **Rodrigo Duarte, Florida International '04**, and **Justin Shafer, Cincinnati '05**, received the prestigious Award of Distinction in the Individual Category. There were six award winners in the category, and it is given to the individual who moves the fraternity system forward. The winners were nominated by their campus Greek life professionals.

Brother Duarte is the President of the Interfraternity Council (IFC) at Florida International University, and Shafer is Student Body President at the University of Cincinnati. They were flown to Washington, D.C., site of the annual meeting, and spent an afternoon being video taped for the NIC's educational video, "Sharing My Ritual," a look at the values expressed in fraternity and sorority rituals.



Rodrigo Duarte, Florida International '04, and Justin Shafer, Cincinnati '05 with members of the SigEp Headquarters staff

AIDS Run Shows TLC—Tulane Leading CACTUS

Submitted by Theodore W. Holm

www.tulane.edu/~sigep/

The AIDS Awareness Mile kicked off AIDS Awareness Week, put on by CACTUS (Community Action Council of Tulane University Students), a student organization at Tulane University. The road race helped increase AIDS awareness across campus, as well as raise money for the NO/AIDS Task Force. About 50 students took place in the event, of which 15 were SigEp brothers. SigEp has had a con-

tinual relationship with CACTUS, including participating in the annual Rally for New Orleans Public Schools, in which Tulane students prep and paint classrooms at nearby schools. Several SigEps are also involved in CACTUS' Big Brother/Sister program, including project coordinator Brother **Steven D. Wood, '04**. Brother **Brian D. Payne, '05**, is also active in CACTUS as project coordinator of "Best Buddies," a program that helps enhance the lives of people with intellectual disabilities, and also "Partner's Club," a group of volunteers who build individual relationships with handicapped persons by meeting weekly to help train athletes in sporting events.



SigEp Alumnus helps Johns Hopkins Sound Mind

Submitted by Ben Topper

www.jhu.edu/sigep

Thanks to the generosity of SigEp alumnus **Richard Springer, Toledo '52**, the Maryland Alpha Chapter at Johns Hopkins University was given the opportunity to broaden its knowledge of international relations and politics. As a member of the Baltimore Council on Foreign Affairs, Brother Springer invited brothers to attend the Council's bi-monthly panels. At each event, a

distinguished and suitably chosen statesman delivered an informative speech, followed by a question and answer session.

Some of the panels SigEps attended with Brother Springer include: General Richard B. Myers, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, on the war in Iraq; Arthur E. Dewey, Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration on "Humanitarian Leadership for a World in Crisis;" Luis Alberto Moreno, Colombian Ambassador to the United States, on "United States-Colombia Relations;" and Harry Harding, Ph.D., Dean of the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University on "U.S.-China Relations: From Partners to Competitors and Back."

These panels presented an opportunity to experience foreign affairs from a first-hand perspective. Through the speakers, they learned about international issues and how those issues related to the United States. The brothers look forward to these presentations and plan to attend in the future.



Brother Springer with members of the chapter.

"A man's character is his fate."

—Heraclitus (540 BC - 480 BC)

“What Do You Look For?”

YouthAIDS Public Service Announcements Campaign

Submitted by Sasa Nikolic, George Washington '03

www.youthaids.org/sigep

In May 2004, YouthAIDS unveiled its newest public service campaign, “What Do You Look For?” featuring YouthAIDS Global Ambassador Ashley Judd, Blair Underwood, and Eve and Joss Stone to encourage young women and men to carefully consider abstinence, delayed sexual debut and most importantly the HIV status of any sexual partner. Every 15 seconds, another young person becomes infected with HIV, and unfortunately, most do not know they carry the virus. YouthAIDS wants young people to think about important qualities that will build a healthy relationship.

YouthAIDS selected a group of notable actors, actresses, and recording artists from a range of ethnic backgrounds to participate in the campaign and send out life-saving and positive messages.

- Ashley Judd, YouthAIDS Global Ambassador and Actress
- Blair Underwood, Actor
- Joss Stone, Performer and Vocalist
- Amelia Vega, Miss Universe 2003 (in English and Spanish)
- Eve, Rapper and Recording Artist

The public service announcement campaign will air on MTV, VH1, and other television and radio channels throughout the United States. Chapters interested in including PSAs on their college TV and radio stations may contact Sasa Nikolic at the YouthAIDS office or sigepyouthaids@psi.org.



Amelia Vega and Ashley Judd appear in public service announcements sponsored by SigEp



“I’m all in!” One player puts his luck on the line.

Case Western Goes All-in

The Ohio Sigma Chapter created a new event on its campus—a Charity Poker Tournament. Held late in February, the brothers capitalized on the poker craze sweeping campus and raised a total of \$1,590 for YouthAIDS. The event lasted a little over four hours and was so successful that **Sean Dee, '06**, reported the event will be held again in the fall.

Tri-State Brings Over 500 to Arlington, Texas

Submitted by Beau C. McNeff, Southern Methodist '01

www.sigeptxk.com

The men of the Texas Kappa Chapter at the University of Texas-Arlington have organized a softball tournament every April for the past 29 years. Known as Tri-State, the tournament pits SigEp teams from the states of Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas against one another for a two-day competition. This year, Texas Kappa raised \$500 for YouthAIDS, which is the most money ever contributed. SigEps don't compete every year in this event just for the charity; they come to see who is the best team. Twenty-one teams played, and when the final out was secured, the Texas Kappa C-team was the winner. Next year will be the 30th anniversary of Tri-State, and the chapter is planning another record-breaking event of fun, softball, and brotherhood.



Carnegie Mellon SigEps—Dates for Hire

The Pennsylvania Theta Chapter organized “Valentine’s Day Auction” in February with Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. Members of both groups were auctioned off as dates to raise money for YouthAIDS and the Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force. At the end of the evening, both groups raised \$1,500 to support HIV/AIDS education and prevention programs for the two organizations.

Casino Night at Stanford

The California Pi Chapter hosted its annual charity event, Casino Night, to raise money for YouthAIDS. With the assistance of Chi Omega Sorority and various businesses who donated raffle prizes, the event attracted over 150 Stanford students. Casino Night Chairman **Aaron N. Ligon, '06**, planned the event that included craps, roulette, two tables of poker, and eight tables of blackjack. California Pi's own **David J. Lau, '04**, provided entertainment by playing jazz piano. The event was a memorable evening and raised \$400 for YouthAIDS.

Murray State Gives Back

On March 4, Murray State SigEps hosted "Party Gras 2004." By organizing and participating in a full day of community service events in addition to raising money for YouthAIDS, Kentucky Epsilon celebrated its communities throughout the whole day. "Party Gras 2004" involved 10 different service-learning events and a participation from campus sororities who made donations toward YouthAIDS programs. **William L. Benjamin, '05**, Vice President of Programming, reported, "I felt that for one full day, Kentucky Epsilon was on top of the world."

SigEp A-Go-Go at the University of Evansville

Joshua D. Cain, '07, Indiana Epsilon Philanthropy Chairman, organized the annual dance competition, "A-Go-Go" at the University of Evansville. Six teams performed dance routines where Chi Omega emerged as the winner of the competition. "A-Go-Go" was also attended by high school seniors who were in town visiting the University of Evansville during its annual Road Trip Weekend. The evening raised \$1,700 to support YouthAIDS awareness programs.

Reno SigEps Version of Survivor

Submitted by David J. Bradfield, '03

www.sigepnv.org

To breathe some life into Sound Mind and Sound Body events, the SigEps at Nevada-Reno created a version of the reality series "Survivor." The chapter divides into three "tribes," and each one competes in a series of Sound Mind and Sound Body type challenges. The winning "tribe" receives immunity from voting off one of its members. The other two "tribes" vote off one member from each group. The object is to narrow down the tribes to one individual.

Fighting an Epidemic



Brother
Dracopoulos

More than one million Americans are living with HIV. Los Angeles, California, has the second highest number of people living with AIDS. One Brother is working to stop this epidemic in his hometown. **Constantinos Dracopoulos, Cal State**

San Bernardino '05, is training for the 2004 Honolulu Marathon, which takes place on December 12, 2004. He has set a goal to raise \$3,000 by August 30. All money raised will benefit AIDS Project Los Angeles, which provides food banks, transportation, home health care and other vital services to help keep people alive until there's a cure. Visit <http://www.aidsmarathon.com/participant.asp?runner=LA-4052> to learn more and help Constantinos.

New Hampshire SigEp Benches 500

In 2002, **Jerry P. Vayda, '06**, set a goal to bench press 500 pounds. At that time, he began lifting heavily, and in August of 2003, he reached his goal at the Galaxy Gym in Belmont, New Hampshire. His diet leading up to the lift was concentrated on lots of protein, no alcohol, and at least eight hours of sleep each night. Now that he has met his goal, he has new goals for fitness and cardio, although he may get back into lifting.

Southwest Missouri State's Record-setting Year

Submitted by Andrew L. Veatch, '05

studentorganizations.smsu.edu/sigmaphiepsilon/

By kicking off the year with focus on recruiting the highest caliber men and obtaining the best GPA on campus, the Missouri Eta Chapter ended the year as the number one fraternity on campus. At the Greek

Awards Dinner, SigEp was the only fraternity to receive recognition in all five Striving for Excellence categories.

Those categories are Member Development, Risk Management, Leadership, Academics and Community Relations. Two distinguished brothers were honored for their commitment to the Fraternity. **Michael B. Barnett, '07**, is the Outstanding Greek Freshman, and **Daniel W. Asher, '05**, is the Outstanding Greek Recruiter.

The chapter helped officiate the Missouri District's Basketball Tournament. There were 29 teams of athletes competing to play in the state competition. The chapter sent volunteers to the Special Olympics' bowling tournament. There was a surplus of volunteers which left several men sidelined on the benches. "So we just cheer..." said **Michael B. Barnett, '07**.



Two Brothers taking a break from their Special Olympic duties.



Jerry P. Vayda, '06

Five SigEps Represent Greek Systems Across the Country

Four regional associations exist across the country to provide education and resources to Greek councils. These associations are the Northeast Greek Leadership Association (NGLA), Southeast Interfraternity Conference (SEIFC), Mid-American Greek Council Association (MGCA), and the Western Regional Greek Association (WRGA), and each has its own board of directors comprised of undergraduates. Election to these boards happen at the annual meetings for each association. This year, five SigEps, more than any other fraternity, were elected to represent hundreds of Greek systems in 11 states. They are **James R. "Tripp" Arnold, III, Middle Tennessee State '04** (SEIFC); **Joseph D. Hall, Nebraska-Omaha '05** (MGCA); **Eli D. Kerr, Eastern Washington '07** (WRGA); **Ashu Kumra, California-Irvine '03** (WRGA); and **Grant E. Soderberg, Texas A&M '06** (MGCA). According to Tripp, "It is an honor to represent SigEp on SEIFC. This position is sometimes hectic, but it gives me the opportunity to give back to the Fraternity."



Brother Arnold



Brother Hall



William W. "Bill" Zedler, Sam Houston State '65, speaks to the Texas Kappa Chapter at the University of Texas-Arlington.



Brother Soderberg

State Rep Hopeful Zedler Speaks to SigEps

Submitted by Beau C. McNeill,
Southern Methodist '01

www.sigepctxk.com

Surprises wait around every corner. I am a politics junkie and decided to call up the two men running for state representative in the Republican primary to decide for whom to vote. It was an easy decision after speaking to incumbent **William W. "Bill" Zedler, Sam Houston State '65**. During the course of our conversation, I learned he is a SigEp. After talking with him, I talked to the chapter I volunteer with to see if the members would like to hear him speak. With overwhelming response, I invited Representative Zedler to speak to the Texas Kappa Chapter at the University of Texas-Arlington.

Over 30 undergraduates and several alumni showed up to hear Brother Zedler talk about school finance reform, job creation, and how the military and SigEp prepared him for public life. He credits SigEp with helping him develop his leadership skills as well as "break out of his shell." The social skills he honed then still serve him today.

Mr. Zedler enjoyed getting back with SigEp, so much that he is joining our Alumni & Volunteer Corporation. He was particularly impressed with the Balanced Man Ideal. Keep your eyes open, there are SigEps everywhere.

Ole Miss Helps Jean Jones Raise \$4,000

Over 50 SigEps teamed up with Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority to execute the fifth annual Jean Jones Walk/Run. Jones was a longtime Director of Student Development at Ole Miss. In 1997 she passed away from liver cancer. The money from this year's race will benefit the Baptist Memorial Hospital cancer patient fund and the Jean Jones scholarship fund. There were over 330 participants in the race, which kicked off at 8:00 a.m.



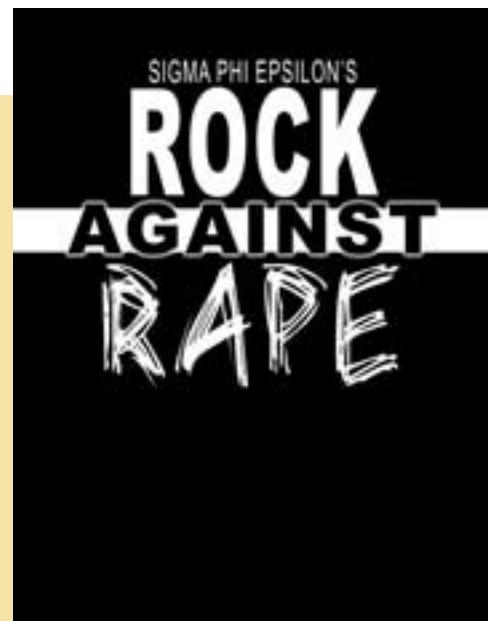
SigEps partner with Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority for the fifth annual Jean Jones Walk/Run at Ole Miss

"Waste no more time arguing about what a good man should be. Be one."

—Marcus Aurelius

Idaho's Rock Against Rape

Four bands, speakers and the University of Idaho SigEps helped raise awareness about sexual assault and more than \$1,000 for a local women's crisis center. The event is known as Rock Against Rape, and the idea came from the University of Maine SigEps. The alcohol-free event featured local bands and speakers from the Violence Prevention Office, Brotherhood Empowerment Against Rape and the benefactor of the event, Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse. SigEp encouraged involvement from all the Greeks and partnered with the Residence Hall Association to book the bands.



Above: The T-shirt design created for the event.
Left: Local band Social Defect warms up the crowd.

Our Very Own Frat Boys

Chapters that do not live up to the ideals of Sigma Phi Epsilon bring dishonor and disgrace to our name. The Journal reports these stories to inform its readers and to show that actions have consequences.

New York Pi (State University of New York-Oswego)

During the academic year the chapter did not register any of its new members. This violates Grand Chapter Bylaws and places the chapter at risk. Unregistered new members are a liability because they

are **not** covered under the Fraternity's liability insurance. Should an incident occur, the local chapter is left with no coverage. New York Pi did not sign the Non-Hazing Agreement every chapter adopts in the fall. This is not just a clerical issue, either. The chapter did not attend the Grand Chapter Conclave or the Carlson Leadership Academies. The chapter has not submitted its

Periodic Membership Report (PMR), and owes over \$10,000 on its chapter account. No payments have been made. SigEp has attempted to set up payment plans and volunteers have spent time trying to change the culture in the chapter. All attempts failed, and the chapter is unwilling to work with the Fraternity to improve. The chapter is now closed.

"It is characteristic of good men neither to go wrong themselves nor to allow their friends to do so."

—Aristotle, Ethics

Richmond SigEps Are Bringing Democracy to Iraqi Youth

By Drew Gulley, Drake '05

Every two years, representatives of each chapter, along with District Governors and National Board members, gather at the Grand Chapter Conclave to vote on the legislation of the Fraternity. Every year, your individual chapter will gather to vote on executive positions. The principles of democracy are central to the operation of our Fraternity. In some regions of the world, those democratic principles we bring into our chapters are absent from daily life.

SigEp Brothers **Scott R. Erwin, '04, Marc S. Kaliser, '03, and Daniel P. Jones, '02**, are working to bring democracy to Iraq, one child at a time. The hallmarks of democracy—freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, and human rights—have not yet entered into the minds of the Iraqi youth.

Through their program, Ambassadors of Democracy, Scott, Marc, and Dan are training the youth of Iraq to stand and let their voices be heard. "I feel the process of democratization is absolutely essential for a peaceful and prosperous

Iraq," explains Marc. Scott and Dan have been in Iraq for many months, implementing and defining the program. The Ambassadors' curriculum, designed by Scott Erwin, begins by recruiting and training excited Iraqi college students, individuals

like our own undergraduate Brothers. These college students take their message into grade school classrooms. Through education, there is now an innovative and exciting program to introduce democracy into fertile minds.

Participating youth follow a curriculum that gently guides them to an understanding of the democracy that we take for granted. The students learn experientially, vote on class representation, and listen to civil leaders talk about the importance

of democracy. "It is a slow and difficult process due to the oppression they suffered," says Scott.

"If liberty and equality, as is thought by some are chiefly to be found in democracy, they will be best attained when all persons alike share in the government to the utmost."

—Aristotle
(384 BC - 322 BC)



Brother Erwin surrounded by many of his students.

Although they must sometimes wear Kevlar vests and travel with armed bodyguards, the SigEp brothers remain excited about their progress. Our fellow SigEps are risking their lives to bring democracy to the Iraq reconstruction. "When mortars are headed your way, you develop a strong sense of Brotherly Love," confides Brother Erwin. These brothers abroad will be headed home soon, but not before leaving a lasting impact on the Iraqi children. "The message of the Ambassadors is strong and the youth of Iraqi are taking hold of it," says Brother Kaliser. With diligence, Iraq will soon have an energized youth—ready to tackle the democratic process.

Editor's Note: As of press time, The Journal learned that Brother Erwin was shot in an ambush returning from one of the Ambassadors lesson. Two Iraqi policemen were killed in the melee, and Erwin was pulled to safety by a translator who was with him. He was flown to Germany where he is in critical, but stable condition.



Left to Right: Michael J. Benson, '04; Alexis F. Arroyo, '04; Rustin R. Lovewell, '04; Matthew C. Foster, '05; and Gregory H. Sinnett, '04

Maine's Naked Five

Submitted by Michael J. Benson, '04

www.ume.maine.edu/sigep

Cheering on the Maine hockey team to a winning 38-8-3 season is the Naked Five, a fan group comprised of five UMaine students. During the games, they lead the fans in different cheers and every time a goal is scored, this enthusiastic group runs a lap around the arena. Four of the five members of this diehard group are SigEps, and the group meets at the SigEp house, conveniently located across the street from the hockey arena, before games to paint up. The Naked Five traveled with the team to Boston, cheering them on in the championship game against the University of Denver. They assisted with pre-game rallies and made it onto ESPN several times during the broadcast.

Brothers in War Details the Life of Penn SigEps in World War II

BY E. SCOTT THOMPSON, II,
Southern Mississippi '99

Two Jima. Normandy. The Philippines. The Battle of the Bulge. These historic battlegrounds of World War II were also places 70 alumni of the Penn Delta Chapter at the University of Pennsylvania found themselves 60 years ago. Like thousands of other SigEps, they were fighting for their country in lands they had never visited. At that time, they had no idea how long the fighting would last. They did not know who would win, and they did not know when they would return home.

They were separated from each other and from the United States by thousands of miles. However, they remained connected by the Diligence of one of their chapter brothers, **Henry A. Pope, Jr., '43**. Due to an operation that removed one of his kidneys,

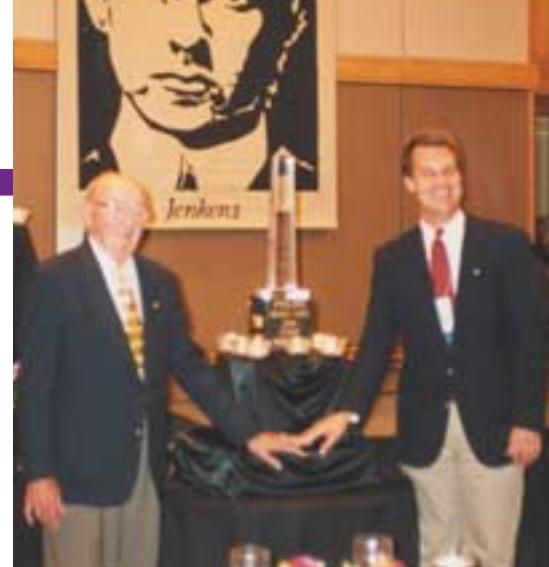
Brother Pope was not able to enlist in the service. As a result, he assigned himself the incredible task of writing to all of his SigEp brothers. He gathered their correspondence and published it in 27 monthly editions of the alumni newsletter, *The Delta Pen*, which is still published to this day as *The Delta Penn*.

Each month, Pope would write out the newsletter in longhand, from either Cleveland or Chicago, and mail it to his father in Red Bank, New Jersey. His father would then type the newsletter, copy and mail it to those 70 brothers all over the world. Over the course of the war, over 1,500 letters were generated between these SigEps and Brother Pope.

Thanks to the work of **Brett R. Danko, '90**, and J. Stuart Freeman, Jr., these letters are compiled in a new book, *Brothers in War 1943-1945*. The

compilation outlines the life of war for these brave brothers. Some played baseball in the Central Pacific. Others ran Italian railroads. One survived 35 combat missions over Germany. Another became a father, and also a casualty while in Okinawa. Some lived to tell their stories; the rest will continue to live on in the compilation of these letters.

Letters between soldiers and parents or loved ones have commonly been collected or published. But original WWII letters between friends are rare. This book is unique because it is not a collection of memories over 60 years old, which may be tempered



Left to right: Henry A. Pope, Jr., '43, and Brett R. Danko, '90

by time and subsequent life experience. This powerful narrative takes the reader back to 1943-1945, to the point in time when these letters were written. The historical significance of *Brothers in War* is its frank observation of the feelings of these men during wartime.

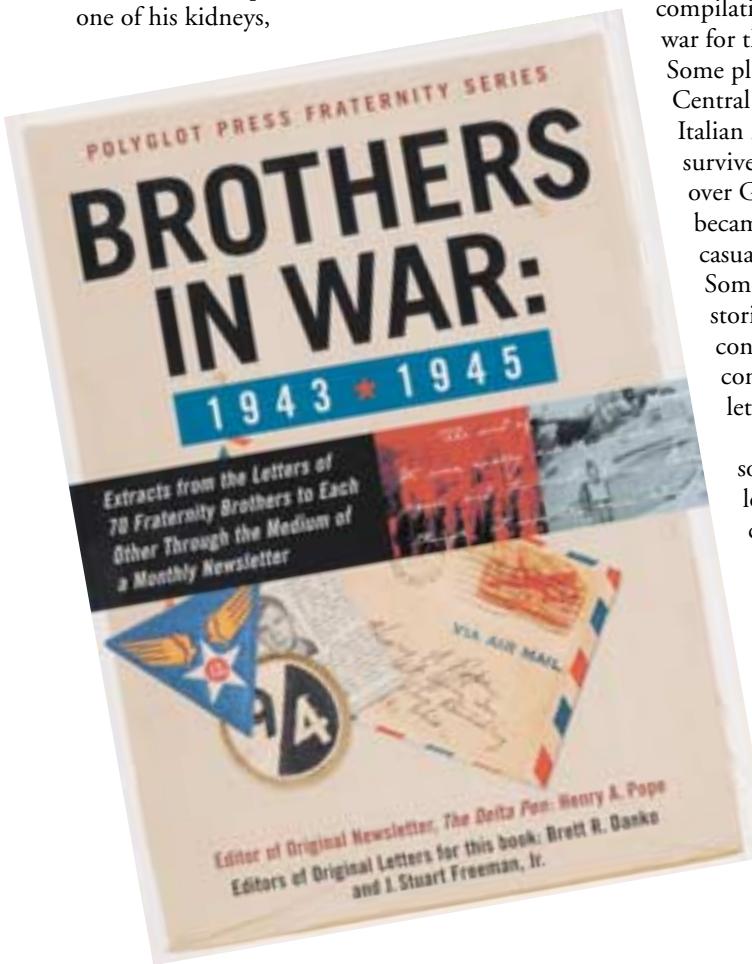
Pope helped keep the memories of Sigma Phi Epsilon on the minds of his fellow brothers. He ended each edition of *The Delta Penn* with the same phrase, "Remember the Reunion—first and second Cornell games after the war!" And remember they did. The Penn-Cornell football game of 1945 drew over 200 Penn Delta SigEps to the chapter home on 3909 Spruce Street.

*In 2001 at the Grand Chapter Conclave in Washington, D.C., Henry Pope was awarded the Honor of *Philias* for his heroic display of Brotherly Love. (see above picture). First awarded in 1991, the Honor of *Philias* was started by Past Grand President **Jack D. Wheeler, North Texas '91**. Look for an interview with Brother Pope in an upcoming issue of The Journal.*

You can purchase this piece of history by visiting www.brothersinwar.net or contact Brother Danko at (609) 912-1899. All proceeds will go toward the Penn Delta Capital Campaign, a renovation project for the chapter house at 4028 Walnut Street.

"History is the witness that testifies to the passing of time; it illuminates reality, vitalizes memory, provides guidance in daily life and brings us tidings of antiquity."

—Cicero (106 BC - 43 BC), *Pro Plorio Sestio*

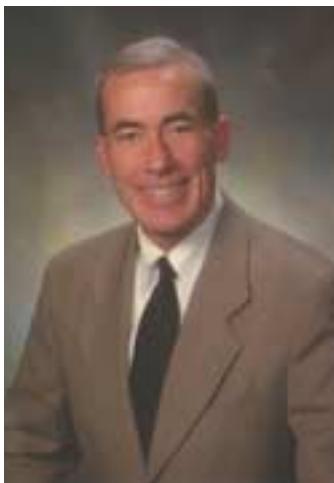


SigEp Named President of Loras College

On June 1, 2004, **James E. Collins, Loras '84**, was sworn in as Loras College's 26th President. He was familiar with SigEp when he was an undergraduate in 1980. The chapter invited him to join then, but he declined, a decision he admits he regretted. Jim became an honorary member of the Fraternity in 1990 after being approached by the undergraduate chapter. He then served on the chapter's Alumni & Volunteer Corporation until the mid-90s.

Brother Collins graduated from Loras in 1984 with a degree in finance. He joined the Loras staff in 1984, and has held positions in the Admissions Office and served as Director of Alumni & College Relations, Director of Special Projects, Assistant to the President, Vice President, Institutional Advancement, and Senior Vice President.

His community involvement includes serving on the Board of Education for the Dubuque Archdiocese, the Board of Directors of the Dubuque-area Chamber of Commerce, and the Board of Directors of Junior Achievement.



James E. Collins

Investment Firm Names a SigEp President

Daniel J. Kraninger, Villanova '93, has joined TrendLogic Associates Inc. as President. TrendLogic Associates Inc. is a Greenwich, Connecticut investment advisory firm.

Previously, Brother Kraninger was Senior Vice



President of GE Private Asset Management (GEPAM) a \$2.5 billion money management subsidiary of GE Capital. Prior to GE, he served as Senior Vice President of O'Shaughnessy Capital Management (OCM), a \$1 billion Greenwich investment adviser and mutual fund manager that he helped establish in 1996.

Dan traveled as a Regional Director in 1993 and today volunteers with the Yale SigEp chapter. In 2003 he was a facilitator at the Ruck Leadership Institute. Brother Kraninger lives in Old Greenwich with wife Christine and their two boys, Benjamin and Joseph.

Catching up with George Meetze

The Rev. Dr. George Elias Meetze, South Carolina '30, Chaplain of the South Carolina State Senate

Brother **George Meetze, '30**, was initiated into Sigma Phi Epsilon on November 9, 1929, the 27th initiate of South Carolina Alpha. His membership certificate is signed by William "Uncle Billy" Phillips, one of the founders of Sigma Phi Epsilon (and who at the time was also serving as the Fraternity's Grand Secretary).

Born in Columbia in 1909, Brother Meetze's list of accomplishments goes on and on. After graduating cum laude from USC in 1930, he went on to receive advanced degrees from various institutions around the country. From 1942-1974, he served as the pastor at the Lutheran Church of the Incarnation in Columbia and has been involved in countless community and religious organizations.

He was married to the late Margaret Allen and is father to two sons, George and William.

One of Brother Meetze's current duties is serving as the Chaplain in the South Carolina Senate. Elected to this position in 1950, our brother has served continuously ever since. Opening many legislative sessions, he has given counsel to many of South Carolina's leaders throughout the past 50 years.



Brother Meetze in his younger days at South Carolina, and preparing to speak on the floor of the Senate.

GAWDA President a SigEp

Walter L. Brant, Purdue '71,

President and CEO of Indiana Oxygen Company, Indianapolis, Indiana, has been elected to serve as President of the Gases and Welding Distributors Association (GAWDA) for 2003-2004 at the association's 59th Annual Convention. GAWDA (formerly the National Welding Supply Association of NWSA) is the leading and foremost national organization of manufacturers and distributors of welding



Brother Brant

equipment/supplies and gases to the nation's industrial, medical, and laboratory markets. As the President of GAWDA, Brother Brant represents nearly 1,000 business owners across the nation in voicing their positions relating to FDA, OSHA, DOT, EPA as well as local and federal governments.

He is the third-generation owner of Indiana Oxygen, which serves markets in Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, and Illinois and has internet sales to all 50 states. Founded in 1915, it is the oldest surviving Gas and Welding Supply company in America. Brother Brant is the recipient of the National Republican Congressional Committee 2003 National Leadership Award, the 1997 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Finalist, and was selected by Governor O'Bannon to receive the Sagamore of the Wabash distinction.

Missouri's Oldest Chapter Turns 90

Over 100 alumni, undergraduates and guests gathered in Columbia, Missouri, to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the Missouri Alpha Chapter at the University of Missouri. Missouri Alpha is one of 20 chapters open for a continuous 90 years. Friday evening began with a reception at the chapter house attended by Grand President **James F. Robeson, Cincinnati '59**, and his wife Teddi. Past Grand Presidents **John W. Hartman, '61**, and **Dennis A. Bond, '65**, were also present.

Saturday morning began with the Renaissance of Brotherhood Ceremony of **Robert Semaan, '04**. A muddy field postponed the annual softball grudge match between the undergraduates and alumni. The 90th Anniversary Awards Banquet was held on Saturday and honored brothers past and present who have contributed to the success of the chapter. Brother Robeson was the keynote and spoke about the challenges faced by all SigEp chapters. The weekend ended on Sunday



Left to right: Chapter President Pattison, '05; Past Grand President John W. Hartman, '61; Grand President James F. Robeson, Cincinnati '59, and Past Grand President Dennis A. Bond, '65

morning at a continental breakfast. The state of Missouri Alpha Address was delivered by Chapter President **Paul Pattison, '05**.

SigEp Fantasy Football

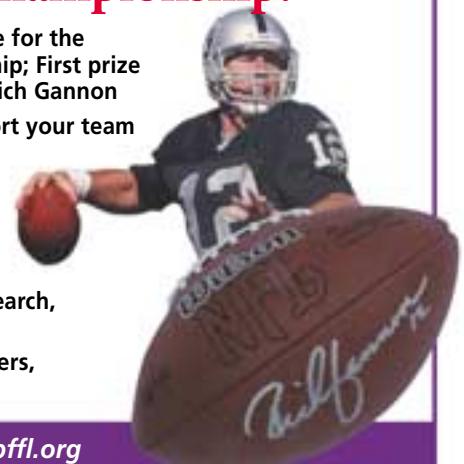
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A New School Year Brings Promise...Your Foundation Brings Possibilities

BY D. BRITT DUNAWAY,
Southern Mississippi '97



Ryan P. Blanck, Western Michigan '02, discusses health and wellness at the Southern California New Member Camp.

Passing the candle, Brothers reflect on their experiences at the Texas New Member Camp. Holding the candle is Gary M. Coyne, Texas Christian '05. He attended the Quest to Greece in 2003.

wide ranging discussions about obstacles to success like substance abuse and group-think decisions that plague many young college students.

The Carlson Leadership Academies

Planning is underway for the 2005 Academies to be held in February at nine locations across the country. With an

expected attendance of over 2,000 undergraduates and volunteers, this Foundation funded program teaches chapter and team leadership to SigEp's new chapter officers.

The Academies are the oldest and most comprehensive regional undergraduate leadership program in the Fraternity world.

Now in their 32nd year, 58,000 undergraduates have gone through the Leadership Academy experience. The



The Donald C. McCleary Award recognizes a chapter (in this case Carnegie Mellon) for its commitment to Sound Mind and Sound Body in membership development. This award is given out at the Carlson Leadership Academy.



The Honorable Mitchell G. Crane, West Chester '77, speaks to SigEps at the New Member Camps, educating them on how the legal system relates to fraternities. He is shown here with some of the executive board of the Texas Alpha Chapter at the University of Texas.

What's happening?

The New Member Camps

Since its start three years ago 3,400 of SigEp's newest members have had the New Member Camp experience. The camps are about a "smart start" to the college experience with Sigma Phi Epsilon. Each participant is introduced to SigEp history, the Balanced Man Ideal of Sound Mind and Sound Body, and

Foundation's funding for the Academies during this time is approaching 3 million dollars.

Scholarships

With over \$210,000 available in scholarships for 2004–2005, your Foundation is once again setting a new standard for direct support for undergraduate education. Ranging from local scholarships available at almost every chapter, to national scholarship competitions open to all undergraduate Brothers, the gifts received from the Foundation donor family make these scholarships possible.

And what does this mean to you?

Whether you are an alumnus, parent, friend, or undergraduate, this is YOUR Fraternity and YOUR Foundation. The SigEp experience as it is today is YOUR responsibility and an investment in YOUR future.

With YOUR support, Sigma Phi Epsilon's programs are cutting edge...our undergraduates have access to more scholarship funds through their chapters than ever before, and the Fraternity is reaching more Brothers than ever before with Leadership training.

Ahhh...but there is a big "AND" here...and you knew it was coming.

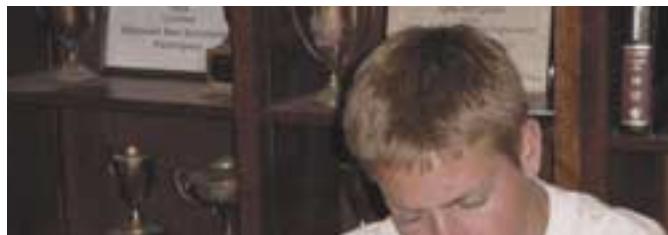
We have to stay strong.

With a commitment to the Fraternity of almost \$1,000,000 in grants and scholarships in the upcoming year, Foundation resources must be renewed.

SigEp's membership is increasing and the Fraternity's expansion program is successful: more members = more



Volunteer breakout sessions cover the fine points of mentoring our undergraduate Brothers.



Will H. Stewart, II, George Washington '00, leads a demonstration on yoga at the 2004 Carlson Leadership Academy in Richmond, Virginia. He is illustrating common mistakes in executing one of the common poses.



Jeffrey P. Newett, California-Santa Barbara '05, makes the most of the chapter's new library.

demand, more demand = a higher level of commitment from the Foundation.

As we look back on the past year, a lot of thanks go to a lot of people.

As we look forward to 2004-2005 and beyond, we see a time of renewal and a time of beginnings...

The continued success of your Fraternity will be possible because

alumni, parents and friends understand the impact that Sigma Phi Epsilon is having...and will invest in the young men, our Brothers, who are not only the future of Sigma Phi Epsilon, but are the future of our country and our world.

SigEp is Building Balanced Leaders for the World Community

"Every day you may make progress. Every step may be fruitful. Yet there will stretch out before you an ever-lengthening, ever-ascending, ever-improving path. You know you will never get to the end of the journey. But this, so far from discouraging, only adds to the joy and glory of the climb."

— Sir Winston Churchill (1874 - 1965)

*Remembering Brother***Radford C. Tanzer, Dartmouth '25**

Pioneer of plastic surgery, respected scholar, and fellow SigEp classmate of Dr. Seuss

In 1951, Dr. **Radford C. Tanzer, Dartmouth '25** came upon a young boy born with only one ear. Immediately Brother Tanzer wanted to help and he found a way to do it. Looking back, he wrote "I spent one year just thinking about the problem with paper and pencil. I finally used a six stage production on the boy...to make a total re-construction of an external ear."

Dr. William Morain, one of Dr. Tanzer's colleagues remarked, "When Rad presented his paper on the reconstruction of the ear to the Association of Plastic Surgeons, they gave him a standing ovation." This act was only one example of the determination, intelligence, and kindness which filled Brother Tanzer's life.

Born in Little Falls, New York, Brother Tanzer graduated from Dartmouth in 1925 where he befriended classmate **Theodor S. Geisel, Dartmouth '25**, (also known as "Dr. Seuss,") where they both joined Sigma Phi Epsilon. After

graduating from Harvard Medical School, he became the first senior fellow in plastic surgery at Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital in New York City.

Brother Tanzer continued his life of service during World War II. He served in the Army Medical Corps and established reconstructive surgery centers for returning veterans in various states. He later returned to Hanover where he served as clinical professor of surgery at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center.

A founding member of the American Board of Plastic Surgery and President of the American Association of Plastic Surgeons, Brother Tanzer continued to serve as a consultant for Veterans Affairs hospitals throughout the country. He was the author of over 80 professional articles.

At the time of his death, at the age of 97, Brother Tanzer was the holder of the *Boston Post Cane* which is given to



Brother Tanzer at his home

the oldest resident in the Hanover area.

He contributed an immeasurable amount to the world and truly lived our ideals of Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love. He is survived by many family members.

Brother Tanzer will be missed.

This article was written with the help of the Dartmouth College Office of Public Affairs.

"It is not living that is important, but living rightly."
—Socrates

*Remembering Gene Brewer***Gene C. Brewer, Oregon '34**

Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation Life Trustee **Gene C. Brewer, Oregon '34**, died on April 24, 2004, at his home in Newport Beach, Oregon. His wife Helen and his SigEp son **Bob H. Brewer, Oregon '61**, were with him. Bob said Gene died peacefully, tired and ready to move on. He was 90 years old.

A 1934 graduate of the University of Oregon, Gene was a recipient of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Citation for Career Distinction. He was the CEO of US Plywood and Champion International, CEO of Southwest Forest Industries, and the Founding President of the National Institute of Building Science in Washington, D.C.

Gene served a leadership role in the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation Campaign for the Heart from 1991-93. He established an endowment fund for his chapter at the University of Oregon and a National Leadership Endowment to assist the Fraternity in bringing reliable information about Sigma Phi Epsilon to high school students.

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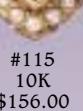
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